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Kowloon...	Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.55	5.20	7.10
Yau-mat...	Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.39	7.19
Shatin...	Dep.	7.00	9.33	10.47	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51	7.31
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.10	9.43	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04	7.44
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.21	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.08	7.48
Fanning...	Dep.	7.23	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	5.24	6.19	7.59
Shung-shui...	Dep.	7.36	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	5.28	6.23	8.03
Shum-shan...	Arr.	7.42	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	5.34	6.29	8.09

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shum-shan...	Dep.	7.31	8.06	10.38	11.40	3.07	4.17	5.13	6.08
Shung-shui...	Dep.	7.23	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.15
Fanning...	Dep.	7.23	8.16	10.43	11.51	3.11	4.38	5.34	6.19
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.03	3.21	4.38	5.34	6.29
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.44	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	6.33
Shatin...	Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	6.46
Yau-mat...	Dep.	8.12	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	6.58
Kowloon...	Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11	7.06

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Shatin...	Dep.	7.02	—	—	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.51	—
Tai-po...	Dep.	7.16	—	—	11.04	12.34	2.58	6.06	—
Tai-po Market...	Dep.	7.21	—	—	11.08	12.38	3.00	6.09	—
Fanning...	Dep.	7.23	—	—	11.18	12.48	3.11	6.20	—
Shung-shui...	Dep.	7.36	9.12	10.07	11.23	12.52	3.15	6.24	—
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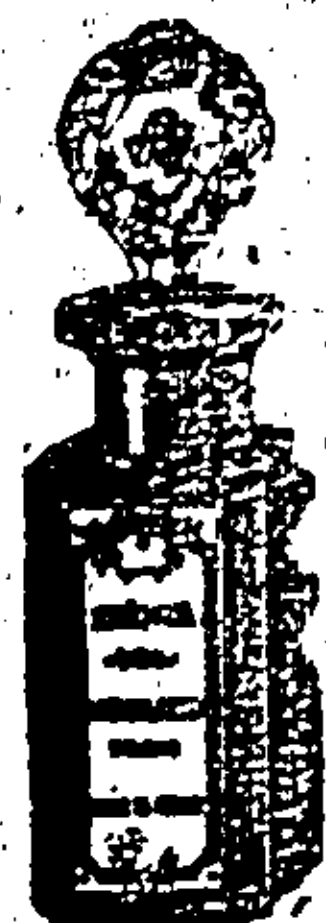
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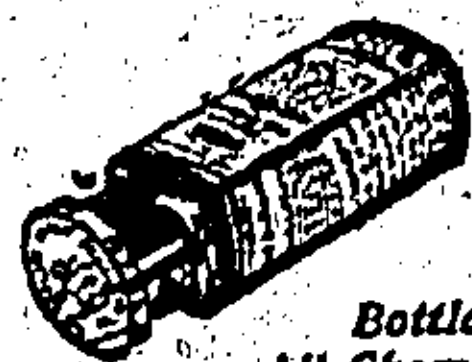


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PARIS FASHION NOTES.

THE WINTER HOLIDAY WARDROBE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ISABEL RAMSAY.)

PARIS, March 22nd.

There can be only one delight greater than that offered to the athletic by winter sports, and that is the joy offered to athletic and esthetic alike of preparing the wardrobe they will take with them when they set forth on a winter holiday. The joy is enhanced when St. Moritz is the chosen spot and the couturiers of Paris the wizards who have prepared so many charming sports outfits for one to choose from before embarking.

There was a time, not so very long ago, when only English houses thought of designing models that were exclusively intended for sports wear. But, since the war came to upset this old world and most of its ideas, Paris has taken to creating models "pour le sport," at first because an English clientele demanded them, then because a French clientele demanded them in order to follow in the wake of their English cousins and then, finally, for the whole world for, by this time, Paris had improved on the fluff, impracticability of its first efforts and learnt how to turn out models that were every bit as practical as those of designers across the Channel, and infinitely smarter. To begin with, the French rarely favour the long trousers caught in with puttees for skiing that figure in many an English suit. Instead, they give neat-cut knickerbreeches to all their sports suits, whether for skiing, lugeing, skating or curling, add thick woollen stockings, a second pair to roll down over the tops of the boots, and thus prevent the snow from working down into them, a cosy sweater, a scarf, cap and gloves, all of wool, and a heavy coat to cover the lot.

With such a restricted gamut of elements to play on, there was only one way of introducing a varying note of individuality into models, and this was by means of colour. Winter sports suits, therefore, differ very little as far as cut and detail is concerned, but when it comes to colour, there is as much difference between one sports suit and another as there is between a negligé and an evening gown.

One idea is to contrast colours of a more or less violent tone. For instance, a white sweater will be worn with breeches, cap and scarf of bright scarlet; whilst white stockings with tops finished in a scarlet and white check design will be added. Black, of course, is borrowed to act as a foil to any and every bright colour that ever took its place on a palette. Beige, being neutral, and grey in a dark steel or smoke shade, are also good foils to bright blues, reds and yellows. A well-known leader of fashion, set forth for Grindwald with a bright orange suit in her trunk, only to find that she was not the only one who had chosen this joyous colour as a foil to the intense white of the snow.

Another idea, more favoured by those who prefer the complicated in life, is to concoct a suit that is a mass of stripes, checks and geometrical lines generally. Many of the products of this regime are enough to make a cubist feel that his most strenuous effort is after all but a feeble break away from ancient traditions of line and colour. Others make their wearers look like so many fantastic tigers sprung from their jungle home. And, as to the way in which all these patterned materials and accessories are allied to plain ones, the way in which one colour is contrasted with another or one colour motif repeated half a dozen times over in each garment of the outfit so as to constitute a harmonious ensemble, if I were to stop to enumerate only half of them, I should never be done. You can imagine for yourselves how plain breeches in a bright tone are allied to a sweater that is a mass of stripes, of checks or of cubist designs in which all the tones related to the colour of the breeches are repeated, or else all the colours of the rainbow disport the selves in a riot of colour you can reverse the idea and imagine a large-patterned check skirt over plain breeches and allied to a plain sweater to match, a check cap and scarf and plain stockings finished with check tops. And, if you care to, you can go on inventing costume after costume that is just such a mixture of plain and figured materials, just such a humorous blending, or dove-tailing, if you like, of one colour and one contrast into the other, and you will have some idea of what the world's wife is wearing at St. Moritz and Chambray and all the other famous winter sports resorts when they set forth asking or a-lugeing these days.

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In walking the toes should point straight in front.

When sitting, a person should never hunch the shoulders, and the body should rest on the bones and not on the internal organs. "Our Queen gives us a perfect example of how a woman should stand, and sit," said Mrs. Bennett. "She has the secret of grace, dignity, and elegance, and never on any occasion does she allow her shoulders to become hunched."

The grumbler, continued Mrs. Bennett, never succeeded in gaining health and beauty, and when a woman felt "grumpy" she should immediately do a few breathing exercises.

"I think the modern girl is perfectly beautiful, with her slim, straight figure, and none of those capital B's we used to have in the old days," Mrs. Bennett concluded. "It is delightful to watch her."

Dr. Rolleston, County Medical Officer of Peterborough, in his annual report says there is nothing more striking than the change in the female form, which formerly was diagrammatically represented by three circles of increasing magnitude joined by two isthms, and could now be described by the straight line of Euclid:

For skating, there is very little difference in the costume prescribed, except that it is considered necessary by the best to add a skirt over the breeches. This seems to be a de rigueur, and as Mrs. Grundy is so very complaisant in the matter of skating costumes, and further, and perhaps more important, as a skirt is far more becoming to a skater this rule of fashion is universally obeyed. But, it is such a short skirt that is added. It never reaches as far as the knees and, at its most ample expression can only be compared to the pleated kilt of the Highlander. It is generally fitted with deep box pleats, which it is not pleated all round, or else much fulling is introduced into the front by means of shirring, or again of pleats, so that a straight line is conserved yet plenty of fullness is there in reserve for vigorous movements.

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COMPANY MEETING. LANE, CRAWFORD, LTD.

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The fourth annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., was held at the office of the Company, Royal Building, Ice House Street, on Saturday at 11 a.m. Mr. A. S. D. Couland (Chairman) presided and others present were Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Mr. Chan Toog (Directors), Mr. W. A. Eustace, Mr. R. L. Bridger and Mr. F. M. Crawford (Managing Directors), Mr. A. W. Brown (acting secretary), and Messrs. A. Abbas, D. M. Goodall, H. A. Jones, H. W. Randall, H. E. Scriven and A. Stevenson (shareholders).

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The report and accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period, and I will, therefore, with your permission, take them as read.

The net profit for the year, after making due allowances for depreciation and bad and doubtful debts, is \$15,800.45, which, added to the balance brought forward from last year, viz.: \$24,153.93, makes the amount of \$39,954.38 available for distribution. This amount your directors propose should be allocated as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 30 cents per share, absorbing \$37,500.00.

And to carry forward to a new account, \$2,454.38.

and I trust that this proposal will meet with your approval.

THE ACCOUNTS.

Turning to the accounts, you will notice that the comparatively large amount of \$12,467.89 has been written off on account of bad and doubtful debts. This is occasioned largely by reason of the financial stress through which the Colony has passed during the year under review. All due precautions have been taken by the management of the company with regard to accounts, and I think you will agree with me that in such times as these, having regard to the peculiar nature of our business, this figure is not excessive.

Another point which calls for some comment is the amount of depreciation written off. In the very near future we shall move into new premises, and, with this in view, fixtures and fittings have been heavily depreciated, to make allowance for those which will have to be discarded on moving.

On the credit side of the profit and loss account it will be noticed that the comparatively small amount of \$34,040.02 only is brought forward from working account. As compared with last year, this shows a big drop, and is occasioned wholly by the fact that the company was unable to do its usual turnover. It is obvious that the Colony in general has not the same spending power that it has enjoyed in previous years, and in a business like ours such a state of affairs is immediately reflected in our turnover.

This year no interest from investments appears in our profit and loss account, which brings me to the only point in the balance sheet which requires explanation.

You will note amongst the assets the amount of \$420,808.51 under the heading of investments, against which the market quotation is given as \$392,620.00. The discrepancy between the book value of these investments and the market quotation is occasioned by the situation from which we, as well as all other Hongkong companies, are suffering.

Your directors have not recommended that these investments be depreciated by reason of the fact that they feel that the market quotation ruling at the end of February last (that being the end of your company's financial year) was only a nominal one, and under prevailing circumstances no fair valuation of such investments can be made. Moreover, the amount shown under general reserve is more than ample to cover the difference mentioned.

Stocks have been estimated at cost price and depreciated wherever necessary.

THE DIVIDEND.

My predecessor, in his speech last year, when calling attention to the dividend paid, i.e., \$1.25 per share as against \$1.00 in the previous year, mentioned that your directors had recommended that dividend, as they were of the opinion that (in the absence of any unforeseen adverse circumstances) that figure should be maintained from year to year.

It is with regret that your directors found themselves unable to recommend the same dividend this year, but I think that you will agree with me that adverse circumstances have this year occurred.

With a return to normal trading conditions your directors see no reason why the future of the company should not be as prosperous as in the past.

That, gentlemen, I think satisfactorily explains the accounts before you.

During the past year your company has again been able to render exceptional service to the community of Hongkong. In June last, when the strike was at its height, we were successful in dealing with the problem of food supplies for the European population. The new machinery at your bakery thoroughly upheld the opinion which your directors had previously formed of its efficiency, and, in consequence, we were not only able to supply the community of Hongkong (including hospitals), but also care for the wants of the Shamen, as well as several small warships which had not their own facilities for bread-making.

Groceries and provisions were distributed by your main and Peak stores, and I am happy to inform you that, from several sources, appreciation has been expressed regarding the way in which the distribution was organised.

COMPANY'S FUTURE.

Our thanks are due to our European staff for the hard work done by them during those times, and also to those of our Chinese staff who loyally worked on in the face of intimidation.

I will now proceed to something which, I venture to feel, is much more pleasant to consider, and that is the company's future. I have previously made reference to the fact that this year we hope to change into new premises. These will be situated in the new Exchange Building when completed. The change, with its accompaniment of a certain amount of new fixtures and fittings, will, of course, occasion extra capital outlay, but I am able to inform you that your company's cash position, together with its banking facilities, is ample to deal with the financial part of the question without worry to the management.

It is early yet for me to give you any idea of what your new store will be like, but I am sure I am correct in informing you that when the move has been accomplished, and the new premises are ready for business, you will own what will probably be the finest departmental store in the Far East.

I now beg to formally propose that the report and accounts of the company for the financial year ending February 28th, 1926 (including the apportionment recommended by the directors as therein indicated), as presented, be adopted, and I shall be obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, whereupon questions as to the report and accounts may be raised.

Mr. A. STEVENSON seconded and in doing so said the results had been regrettable but that could not be helped in view of the abnormal conditions. He had the greatest confidence in the management, and when they moved into their new premises, he felt that their business would increase by leaps and bounds.

The being no questions, the reports and accounts were adopted unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposition of Mr. H. A. JONES, seconded by Mr. D. M. GOODALL, Mr. M. Manuk, the retiring director, was re-elected.

On the proposition of Mr. H. E. SCRIVEN, seconded by Mr. A. STEVENSON, Messrs. Lipstead and Davis were re-elected as auditors for the current year at a fee of \$1,250.

The CHAIRMAN: That is all the business of the meeting gentlemen, and I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants can be obtained, on application, on Monday at the Company's office.

SOME ECONOMIC FACTS.

Barclays Bank Monthly Review in an article on "The need for fresh capital" sets out one or two vital economic facts that are worth putting on record.

"Capital in its economic sense," says the writer, "consists of real things, such as factories, plant and machinery, raw materials, etc., while credit provides the means for obtaining them."

"Real capital cannot be increased by inflationary methods, but only by saving, i.e., by securing a surplus of production over consumption."

"Just as an increase in real capital depends on a surplus of production over consumption, so an increase in real wages depends on increased productivity."

"Any reduction in working hours should be accompanied by measures designed to ensure greater efficiency and a larger output per hour worked."

"The alternative is to run the risk of lowering the standard of living or diminishing capital supplies—either or both."

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A FEMALE MIDAS.

BEGGAR WOMAN'S TEN SOVEREIGNS.

An old Chinese beggar woman on Friday solicited alms from a party of Europeans in Pedder Street, but as she was mumbling her appeal a plain-clothes constable arrested her.

At the Police Station her tattered apparel was searched, and ten English sovereigns were found concealed in her girdle. She was called upon to hand over \$10 in bail, and some of the gold had to be taken to be changed.

When she was charged before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy on Saturday, she admitted the offence and a fine of \$5 was imposed.

Questioned as to how she came by the gold, she said that it had been handed to her for safe keeping by the god-mother of her dead son.

The magistrate hesitated to credit her story, and ordered the gold to be kept by the Police for a week, in case any claimant came forward.

YOUNG AMERICAN KILLED IN SHANGHAI.

MOTORCAR COLLIDES WITH MOTOR-CYCLE.

A young American named Carl Sadler, connected with the Texas Oil Co. in Shanghai, was killed last week through a motor-car, driven by a Chinese, colliding with the motor-cycle and sidecar, which Sadler was driving. The motor-car was attempting at the time to pass a ricksha. The motor-cycle was overturned and Sadler sustained serious injuries by being thrown heavily on the roadway. He died some nine hours later in hospital.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rueby, April 23rd.

To-day's exchange rates are as follow:

Paris	145.80
Brussels	137
Amsterdam	12.11
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	18.57
Vienna	34.50
Helsingfors	193
Hongkong	2/24
Lisbon	24
Shanghai	2/10 1/2
Buenos Aires	45
Silver (spot)	29.7/18
Silver (forward)	29.3/8
New York	4.86 1/2
Geneva	23.17
Milan	120.90
Stockholm	18.10
Oslo	22.61
Prague	164
Madrid	23.85
Yokohama	1/11 1/2
Rio	6.15/16
Bombay	1/5 1/4

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

April 24th, 1926.

Hongkong Bank	\$1.105 buy.
Do. London	2125 nom.
Chartered Bank	620 nom.
Maritime Bank A. & B.	2304 buy.
Do.	0.123 buy.
P. & O. Bank	294 nom.
East Asia Bank	386 nom.
Canal Insurance	4925 buy.
China Underwriters	\$1.50 buy.
North China Insurance	114.15 nom.
Union Insurance	3243 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	339 nom.
China Fire Insurance	\$1.70 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$350 buy.
Donghai	428 nom.
H.K. & C. M. Steamboats	317 nom.
Hongkong Tug	424 sel.
Indo-China (Freight)	333 nom.
Do. (Daily)	246 nom.
Shell Transport	\$7.7 buy.
Star Lines	\$61 buy.
Waterboats	\$15 nom.
Oriental Navigation	3250 nom.
China Sugars	328 nom.
Malayan Sugars	308 nom.
Benguet	411 nom.
Kailash Mining Ad.	49.7 buy.
Lancho (combined)	114.24 nom.
Do. (single)	114.24 buy.
Shanghai Exploration	114.24 buy.
Shanghai Loans	114.24 buy.
Bank	\$5 nom.
Tronoh Mines	65.7 nom.
Ural Caspian	8.7 nom.
H.K. & W. Wharves	\$123 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$50 sel.
Hongkong	114.15 buy.
New Engineering	114.15 buy.
Shanghai Docks	114.15 buy.
H.K. & B. Hotels	\$44 buy.
Hongkong Lands	\$44 buy.
Hongkong Realty (op.)	\$44 buy.
H.K. Territorials (op.)	\$44 buy.
Humphreys Estates	\$154 buy.
Prince's Buildings	\$109 nom.
Bural Leds	\$7 nom.
Swe Cottons	114.1030 buy.
Orimale	114.1030 buy.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	114.24 buy.
Do. (new)	114.24 buy.
Amusements	\$113 nom.
Campan Lee	\$113 nom.
Cement (combined)	\$113 buy.
Do. (old)	\$113 buy.
Do. (new)	\$113 nom.
China Buses	114.104 buy.
China Lights (combined)	\$20 buy.
Do. (old)	\$11 buy.
Do. (new)	\$11 nom.
China Provident	\$6 buy.
Constructions	\$24 nom.
Dairy Farms	\$20 nom.
Der A Wing (op.)	\$10 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$24 buy.
Macao Electric	\$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	25 eta. nom.
H.K. Ropes (combined)	\$30 sel.
Do. (old)	\$10 sel.
Do. (new)	\$5 sel.
Hongkong Tramways	\$24.50 buy, \$5 sel.
Lane Crawfords	\$103 sel.
Mackintoshes	\$103 nom.
Peak Trans (old)	\$174 buy.
Do. (new)	\$174 buy.
Sinoceres	\$11 nom.
Taxis	\$4 sel.
Uni ed Asbestos	\$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	\$12 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$10 nom.
Singapore Tractions	\$3 sel.

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ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB. CLOSING CRUISE AND LADIES' DAY.

YACHTING SEASON CONCLUDED.

The yachting season of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was brought to an official conclusion on Saturday afternoon with the Closing Cruise and Ladies' Day. Despite a cloudy and showery morning, the afternoon proved to be fine, and a very enjoyable programme of sport was witnessed by the large attendance of members and visitors. Among the visitors entertained by the flag officers and committee were officers from the American warships in port.

The programme included races in the cruiser class, three races for the ladies, a race for submarine collapsible boats, and, on the rowing side, the great annual contest for the Leveson Cup.

The entry of six crews for the last-mentioned event constituted a record. The teams that entered (names were given in Saturday's *Daily Press*) were: Shewan, Tomes & Co., A.P.C., Hongkong Bank, H.M.S. Submarines, P.W.D., and Hongkong Electric Co.

In the first heat, the A.P.C. and Hongkong Bank qualified to row in the final, Shewan, Tomes & Co., being defeated. In the second heat, the Submarines and P.W.D. came off best against the Hongkong Electric Co.

The final was rowed off in fine style and proved an interesting and exciting race. The Submarines, who had been considered favourites, won the event, with the P.W.D. a good second.

LAWN BOWLS.
Exhibition games of lawn bowls were played during the afternoon, and tea was also served on the lawn.

Following the racing, the prizes won during the afternoon, and also the prizes won during the past yachting season, were presented by Mrs. E. W. Carpenter (wife of the Commodore of the Club).

Mrs. Carpenter was presented with a beautiful bouquet tied with the Club colours by little Miss Mitchell, who was given a box of chocolates.

SPEECH BY THE CLUB COMMODORE.

Prior to the presentation of prizes, Mr. E. W. CARPENTER addressed the company and said:—It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Flag Officers, Committee and members of the Club to welcome you here this afternoon and we trust that you have all enjoyed this, the occasion of our annual closing cruise.

Following the usual procedure I propose to give you a short resumé of our activities during the past season.

First and foremost I am very gratified to say that, thanks to loyal and very active committees, the past season has been an unqualified success from all points of view.

Generally speaking the winds have proved favourable for good racing and most of the events have resulted in close finishes.

The outstanding yachting events are, I consider, firstly the very happy relations that have existed between the Navy and ourselves. Representative teams of the Navy and Yacht Club met on 3 occasions and we had the pleasure of entertaining them to tiffin at our Club twice and they wined and dined us once on board the *Titanic*—we lost that race—(laughter)—the first race the Club won on points and gained the Commodore's Flag, the two remaining races the Navy won. The points at the close of the series of races were: Navy 378, Club 327, the result being that we have the Commodore's Flag and the Navy the greatest number of points. It is hoped that this series of races will always be a feature of our yachting season. While on the subject of the Navy I should like on behalf of the members to thank Commodore Stirling for the very great practical interest he takes in the Club.

FEAT OF ENDURANCE.

The next point that I would like to draw your attention to was the race to Macao and back which was held on Boxing Day. It was a very successful event, six boats competing. The course, which is 71 miles long, was covered by the leading boat in 22 hours 10 minutes. The outstanding feature of this race was the effort of our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Oliver, who, owing to his sailing companion failing him at the last minute, deciding to sail the *Ogouette* by himself, which entailed his holding the helm for the whole period of the race, a matter of 24 hours. He finished. This I consider quite a feat of local endurance and I presume that, as he could not leave the helm, his crew fed him from a bottle during that period.

THE LEVESON CUP.

Won by the H.M. Submarines (Lieut. G. Tanner, Lieut. V. Mair, Lieut. Cdr. E. Barracough, Lieut. E. E. Gibson and Lieut. G. Slater) and P.W.D. (Messrs. R. C. Keen, F. Baker, D. H. McBride, K. S. Robertson and H. J. Pearce).

The *Travosa* Race for ships' life boats was held on two occasions. At the 1st event there were many competitors, the race being won by a boat from the s.s. *Hai Lung* of the Douglas Lapraik Line. The second race brought forth nine competitors a boat from s.s. *Tjandari* of J.C.J.L. being the winner.

It must be very gratifying to the originator and donor of the trophy for the race, to see how successful and popular the event has become.

The last feature of the sailing events that I intend to allude to is by no means the least, the event in question being the defeat of a picked team of Club helmsmen by the ladies. The match was a side and the event consisted of two races, one for the morning the other in the afternoon; the final result being Ladies 61 points, Men 50 points—a margin of 11 points in favour of the Ladies. The Ladies are to be heartily congratulated on the result.

OTHER SECTIONS.

The rowing season has also been a very successful one and although the rowing men were unlucky to lose the services of Dr. Minett as Rowing Captain at the beginning of the season—this section of the Club's activities is to be congratulated on having Mr. Jack as their Rowing Captain in his place. He has proved very successful in his arduous post.

Of the Rowing Events, the Leveson Cup was won by the P.W.D. crew with the Navy second, while in the race for the Hong Cup, presented by Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, the P.W.D. crew were again successful, the A.P.C. being the runners-up. Five crews entered. It is a great satisfaction to the General Committee to see the large amount of enthusiasm that is now taken in rowing by the Club members.

The Bowling Section did not meet with the success that they desired last season—in fact I don't think that we had a match to our credit. But I believe that things will now change, as, in the coming season, we shall have two champions of the Colony and several potential champions playing for us. You have also this afternoon seen some of our talent on the greens and, I have no doubt, been favourably impressed with their deportment and play.

PAST COMMODORE'S DEPARTURE.

We have Mr. Denison with us this afternoon for the last time. He is one of our oldest members and a past Commodore of the Club and I am glad to say that his name will be perpetuated in the Club by the Denison Cup that he has recently presented to the Club. On behalf of the Yacht Club I wish Mr. and Mrs. Denison long and happy retirement in the old country.

Finally I wish to thank Mrs. Rouse, the Honorary Librarian, Mr. Cleland, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Rouse, the Hon. Sailing Secretary, Chief Yeoman of Signals Mr. Murphy, the Official time-keeper—a very generous post; Ah Mow, the Club Attendant, who stuck by the Club single-handed all through the strike, and lastly Mr. Oliver, the Hon. Secretary, for their work for the Club during the past season. The Club's thanks are specially due to the latter for the wholehearted and genial manner in which he has carried out his heavy duties, and it is largely due to him that the Club functions have proved so successful.

REPLY FOR LADIES.

Following the presentation of prizes, Mr. H. S. Rouse replied on behalf of the ladies and said that they desired him to thank the Flag Officers and Committee for arranging their championship races, the owners who lent their boats, Yeoman of Signals Murphy for his happy smile to the winners and his condolences to those not so successful, and last, but not least, the Club Commodore for the beautiful and useful prizes she had given to the winners.

The ladies, continued the speaker, hoped to show the men the way home next year and in the interim they were going in for intensive study of the Y.R.A. rules.

Mr. Rouse, in conclusion, called for three cheers for the ladies, coupling with them the name of Mrs. E. W. Carpenter. Cheers and the "tiger" were loudly given.

RACE RESULTS.

The results of Saturday's races were as under:—

CRUISERS.
Norseman (Mr. Moncrieff)..... 1
U and I (Mr. H. S. Rouse)..... 2
Miss (Mr. A. Thornhill)..... 3

LADIES' RACES—HANDICAP CLASS.
Phylla (Mrs. Croucher)..... 1
Za Linda (Mrs. L. G. Scott)..... 2
Falcon (Miss Shaw)..... 3

REWARD HAYS.
Bluenose (Mrs. Mitchell)..... 1
Boojum (Miss Lewis)..... 2
Sealark (Mrs. Hunt)..... 3

GAIL AND ONE DESIGN CLASS.
Gael (Mrs. Carpenter)..... 1

THE LEVESON CUP.

Won by the H.M. Submarines (Lieut. G. Tanner, Lieut. V. Mair, Lieut. Cdr. E. Barracough, Lieut. E. E. Gibson and Lieut. G. Slater) and P.W.D. (Messrs. R. C. Keen, F. Baker, D. H. McBride, K. S. Robertson and H. J. Pearce).

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CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Following are the prizes won during the year and presented on Saturday:—

COMBINED CRUISER CLASS:—1, *Norseman* (Messrs. Ryan, Moncrieff and Edwards); 2, *Coquette* (Mr. F. Oliver); 3, *U and I* (Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse).

HANDICAP CLASS:—1, *Colleen* (Messrs. Jack and Fitzgerald); 2, *La Linda* (Mr. A. L. Shields); 3, *Diana* (Capt. T. Arthur).

HEWARD HAYS CLASS:—1, *Why Wonder?* (Mr. H. S. Rouse); 2, *Boojum* (Lieut. Comdr. E. Barracough, R.N.); 3, *Joan* (Messrs. H. Armstrong and W. Lock).

GAIL AND ONE DESIGN CLASS:—1, *Daphne* (Mr. E. H. Effersoe); 2, *Gael* (Lieut. Comdr. E. Barracough, R.N.); 3, *Joan* (Messrs. H. Armstrong and W. Lock).

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.
HANDICAP CLASS:—1, *Diana* and *Colleen*—a tie. *Diana*: Mrs. A. Arthur; *Colleen*: Miss Hazeland.

I. Y. AND G. CLASSES.
1, *Bluenose* (Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell); 2, *Sealark* (Mrs. H. B. Crane); 3, *Why Wonder?* (Mrs. J. L. Adams).

"BLUENOSE" Cup, presented by Mrs. E. J. R. Mitchell:—*Joan* (Mrs. Davison).

OTHER PRIZES.
Commodore's Cup, Racing Yachts, presented by Mr. E. W. Carpenter:—*Rolla* (Mr. N. Croucher); *Bluenose* (Capt. W. Davison, R.N.R.).

Commodore's Cup, Cruisers, presented by Mr. E. W. Carpenter:—*Mist* (Messrs. Thornhill and Lee Jones).

Vice-Commodore's Cup, Racing Yachts, presented by Mr. A. L. Shields:—*Pierette* (Surg. L. Brown, R.N.); *Pierette* (Lieuts. W. Vereker and W. Scott).

Vice-Commodore's Cup, Cruisers, presented by Mr. A. L. Shields:—*U and I* (Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse).

REAR-COMMODORE'S CUP, Racing Yachts, presented by Capt. W. Davison:—*Daphne* (Mr. H. Effersoe).

REAR-COMMODORE'S CUP, Cruisers, presented by Capt. W. Davison:—*Norseman* (Messrs. Ryan, Moncrieff and Edwards).

"MACAO" Cup, presented by Mr. G. H. Potts:—*U and I* (Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse).

"TAL YU" Cup, trophy for Championship-Winners:—*Joan* (Messrs. Armstrong and Lock).

"NORSEMAN" Cup, presented by Messrs. Ryan, Moncrieff and Edwards:—*U and I* (Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rouse).

"COLLEEN" Cup, presented by Messrs. Jack and Fitzgerald:—*Rolla* (Mr. N. Croucher).

"WHY WONDER?" Cup, presented by Mr. H. S. Rouse:—*Boojum* (Mr. F. G. Vaux).

"DAPHNE" Cup, presented by Mr. H. H. Effersoe:—*Pierette* (Lieuts. W. Vereker and W. Scott).

"LADIES" Cup, presented by Ladies' Championship Competitors:—*Dorotha* (Mr. C. Grist).

"BELILION CHALLENGE TROPHY:—*Boojum* (Mr. F. G. Vaux).

WARREN MEMORIAL TROPHY:—*Joan* (Messrs. Armstrong and Lock).

DENISON CUP, presented by Mr. A. Denison:—*Falcon* (Mr. A. Ritchie).

OFFICIALS OF THE DAY.
The officials for the day were as under:—Officer of the Day, The Commodore, Mr. E. W. Carpenter; Starter, Mr. E. W. Carpenter; The Commodore, Mr. E. W. Carpenter; Judges, The Rear-Commodore, Capt. W. Davison, R.N.R., and E. Cock; Rowing Officers of the Day, Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., R.N., Hon. Mr. C. Mol Messer, Messrs. F. J. Easterbrook, W. Logan, Dr. E. P. Minett, Messrs. R. L. Moncrieff, E. S. Carter, and A. Murdoch; Clerk of Course and (Sailing), Mr. A. W. van Andel; Clerk of Course (Rowing), Mr. F. J. Easterbrook; Timekeeper, Yeoman of Signals J. Murphy.

THE COLONY'S FINANCES.

BETTER POSITION THAN ANTICIPATED.

The Colony's Financial Returns for the year 1925 are published in the *Government Gazette*.

They show that, despite the strike conditions and the consequent upset, the income of the Government was considerably above the estimate, although it was nearly a million dollars short of that of the previous year.

The estimate of revenue made for 1925 was \$21,812,700; while actual revenue amounted to \$23,244,385.94. This compared with \$24,209,639.72 in the preceding year.

Decreases in income were shown in respect to the following sources of revenue:—Light Dues, \$23,575.27; Light Dues, Special Assessments, \$27,309.18; Court Fees, \$27,914.07; Post Office, \$100,107.21; Rent of Government Property, land and houses, \$30,933.04; Interest, \$109,024.39.

Increases were shown under the following headings:—Licences and Inland Revenue not otherwise specified, \$327,532.33; Kowloon-Canton Railway, \$12,660.65; Miscellaneous receipts, \$412,689.63.

Below we give the actual revenue from the various sources last year and also the revenue received from the same sources in 1924:—

	Actual Revenue to 31st Dec., 1925.	Preceding Year.
Light dues	\$127,113.64	\$150,686.01
Light dues, special assessment	138,330.30	165,639.40
Licences and internal revenue not otherwise specified	17,029,003.58	16,701,771.25
Fees of Court or office, payments for specific purposes, and reimbursements in aid	1,571,009.03	1,659,534.00
Post Office	725,246.51	825,352.72
Kowloon-Canton Railway	432,846.86	420,186.15
Rent of Government property, land, and houses	1,232,704.38	1,263,637.40
Interest	612,786.04	721,810.40
Miscellaneous receipts	804,483.16	391,793.53
Total (exclusive of land sales)	22,874,123.32	22,300,403.80
Land sales (premium on new leases)	570,242.62	1,909,235.86
Total	\$23,244,385.94	\$24,209,639.72

This shows a net decrease of \$965,253.78.

EXPENDITURE.

On the expenditure side, the Government estimated that \$30,463,611.00 would be required, whereas the total expenditure was \$29,266,817.64. Compared with the previous year's expenditure of \$29,736,428.44, a net increase is shown of \$1,540,389.20.

There were increases in expenditure in practically every department, the outstanding exceptions being Public Works, Recurrent (excluding the Kowloon-Canton Railway (\$567,855.57)), and Sanitary Department (\$25,835.88).

A total of \$2,633,930.87 was spent on Public Works Extraordinary compared with \$3,112,735.49 in 1924. The Statement of Assets and Liabilities on 31st December, 1925, shows a balance of assets amounting to \$4,110,482.83. Other assets amounting to \$4,110,482.83 under the headings of Harbour Master's Department, Fire Brigade, and Medical Department.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY IN HONGKONG.

REFLECTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

[BY A BLUNT ENGLISHMAN.]

Members of the St. George's Society have been heard to remark with a certain amount of satisfaction, that other nations say the English take their pleasures sadly.

There are some curious characteristics of the typically English folk which are worth noting. They usually do take their pleasures sadly. They smile contentedly when they talk about it, as if they were thinking to themselves "of course it is childish to show any great delight in the pleasures of this life. We must keep up appearances even if we are enjoying ourselves."

Then, again, the English are such sticklers about "good form." They tell each other all sorts of exaggerated stories about the flappers. They know that ninety per cent. of the stories are not true, but they repeat them with a smug sort of enjoyment because they know quite well that their own daughters or sisters don't do that sort of thing.

THE WAR FLAPPERS.

It must be confessed that the shock of armageddon did rather shake up the phlegmatic English. The war flapper, indeed the Englishwoman of any age, did in those hectic years, on occasions, let herself go. The Bishops disapproved and the novelists wrote sad stories—which appeal chiefly to the old maids of both sexes—and the night clubs flourished, while the flappers advertised their freedom by clasp the waists of young men driving motor-bikes. It was all so apparent that it was really over-advertised.

The great majority of English women still cling to those ideals of their forebears who produced the men of Mons and Ypres. There were the Florence Nightingales, heroines, who were not advertised. The undying instinct of chivalry and the shy ambition of the English maid to be good but not too clever survived the brutalising experience of four years of war. If the English had gained a reputation for taking their pleasures sadly they preserved the habit of taking their sorrows in silence. They did not whine. They do not whine to-day although they know that they are paying, on behalf of Europe, a crushing tribute to the richest nation on earth; just because they had the privilege of holding the breach against the enemies of civilisation for years before that nation realised the peril that menaced its own people.

THE SMALL THINGS OF LIFE.

When big sacrifices are needed the English realise that the men must work and the women must weep; but it cannot be denied that, over small things, they do love to grouse.

They always "muddle through" and, when there is nothing much at stake, they always grumble. That is the only excuse that can be offered for the urge that compels an Englishman to mention a few details about the manner in which the English people in this Colony celebrated St. George's Day.

There was the ceremony at the Cenotaph, in the morning. There had been a general consensus of opinion at the annual general meeting of St. George's Society that a tribute to the "Glorious Dead" must be paid. It was, however, quite obvious that it must be done quietly, almost secretly. Clearly the English of this Colony must acknowledge their debt to those who died in the cause of freedom, but no one wanted anything that would be an exhibition of the theatrical or even a hint at deep emotion. In a French Colony there would have been public speeches delivered at noon by orators in evening dress. In the U.S.A. there would have been a parade with banners. No one can complain at the typically English method of commencing the day.

We were reminded by the Cenotaph itself of the English race. The unostentatious monument looks solid and purposeful. It might seem to other nationalities rough or plain, in appearance. The English like its serenity, its massive aspect.

THE CONCERT.

The members of St. George's Society, after a great deal of discussion, decided to have "a full dress" concert. Every thing else was left to the Committee, who had the impossible task of organising in a few days a programme worthy of England and St. George. The Committee, as was inevitable, "muddled through." The members of St. George's Society, as was also inevitable, grouched at the defective organisation.

Our Scotch friends do themselves, and their guests, proud on St. Andrew's night. As if their lavish hospitality on that evening were not enough they extend it to practice dances. The canny Scot may watch the lawless on other occasions, but he does open his purse when he celebrates his national day.

On St. George's night, some of the English in this Colony attempted to return the hospitality of their Scotch friends. They were not warned to take money, so they had to borrow some before they could even get a glass of lemonade. Then they had to search for the coupon sellers. By that time there wasn't a clean glass in the place. The refreshment muddle was pitiful. The English are not mean, but generous. On St. George's night, the time to celebrate chivalry, we stood before our lady guests as a race that cannot decently provide even a soft drink on a hot night. It was pathetic. It was, of course, unintentional; it was just a muddle! We muddled Gallipoli. We retired in disaster from that so-called refreshment room at the City Hall.

We must co-opt a Scot on to the Committee of St. George's Society next year, if only to show us how to "save face." We English can forgive a great deal, but we hate meanness beyond all else. So we inwardly swore and cursed as we felt uncomfortable last Friday, because we were made to appear mean.

There wasn't a man on the Committee that would not have willingly subscribed \$100 for refreshments rather than that a single guest should have been able to say: "The English couldn't even provide a lady with a drink on St. George's night."

OUR SHAKESPEARE.

The crowning muddle was the programme. Of course the band of the Surveys gave excellent music. There was a half-hearted effort to have an entirely English programme, but it failed. On Shakespeare's birthday the English drama was represented by three ladies (most charming in private life) who appeared on the stage disguised as a cook, a parlourmaid and a scullery "slayer." We reminded our Scotch, Welsh, Irish, Asiatic and American guests of England by showing them life as it is lived in a London kitchen. We reminded them of the glories of English prose by cheap gossip in a cockney dialect.

The ladies acted well. It was splendid of them to agree to come in at the last minute. In any properly organised programme there would have been no last minute vacancy. Those ladies would have made Shakespeare live again for us.

It was not too polite of the members of St. George's Society to allow their Patron to arrive on time to find a half empty house. Yet there is not a member of the Society who would not (if he only thought of it) inconvenience himself immensely in order to support, most loyally, any symbol of the English throne. The dinner parties also were "muddled through," so the guests arrived at the concert late.

There were two items for which we were grateful. "Home Sweet Home" is English. For England is the land of happy homes. We exiles long for it—land of cheerful firesides, cleanly hearths and domestic peace; of parental love and of laughing children; "the cradle of heroes, the school of sages, the temple of law, the altar of faith, the asylum of innocence," the great bulwark of private security and of public honour.

"Aye, there in truth they are, the quiet homes and hallowed birth-places of the English race."

We had, not only "Home Sweet Home," but the more modern refrain "Land of Hope and Glory." We like it, but we are not yet used to it. Nothing that is less than a century old in literature or in tunes really makes our English heartstrings suddenly vibrate.

However, we almost let ourselves go, on Friday night, over "Land of Hope and Glory." At first we hesitated about joining in the chorus and glanced sideways to see if others would unbend. After more hesitation we rose from our seats. We sang the last chorus lustily and looked as if we might even consider singing it again. In our slow English fashion we hesitated so long that our guests sat down and that settled the problem. "It isn't done," said the English schoolboy, when asked why he didn't wear a school cap in the holidays. We may "muddle through" but we always remember of this or that thing "it isn't done."

The Englishman has had his grouse and his fellow Englishmen on the Committee of St. George's Society will now have theirs. "Always complainin'" they will say. They are all very likeable men; indeed they are jolly good fellows. Being a Committee of St. George's Society they are, of course, representative of the English race. They "muddled through" this concert. Next year they will organise, and the whole thing will go without a hitch. For in the end the English have grit. They get up again after a knock out blow. They win out because they refuse to believe that they can be beaten. We must never forget our England. We must have one day in the year devoted to thoughts of our Motherland. We must be reminded on that day of English ideals, of chivalry, of great thoughts and of noble deeds.

In our halls is hung armoury of the princely Knights of old
We must be free or die, who speak the tongue
That Shakespeare spoke; the faith and morals hold
Which Milton held."

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

SEVERAL PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

The Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) sat in Bankruptcy jurisdiction on Saturday.

A JOINT BANKRUPTCY.

Two Chinese clerks employed at Messrs. David Sassoon & Co., were stated by the Official Receiver (Mr. E. L. Agassiz) to have gone into joint bankruptcy. Both debtors were publicly examined.

Fung Shui Kai, living at 173, Hollywood Road, said that he had been employed at Messrs. Sassoon for nine years, his salary at present being \$70 a month. He was formerly a student at Queen's College. His liabilities had been incurred by two loans from Indian money-lenders. He had signed a guarantee for a friend in regard to \$500, and he had not received the money himself.

The Official Receiver: Do you think as a clerk earning \$70 a month that you were justified in incurring liabilities like that?—I did it because the Indian money-lender wanted a guarantee before he would lend the money to my friend.

Replying to His Lordship, debtor said that the money was lent in 1924.

Further questioned by the Official Receiver, he said that he saw the money handed over to his friend, who actually received \$500 and signed for a \$1,000.

The Official Receiver remarked to His Lordship that the true story was that they borrowed \$500 and intended to split it, but the other man got the lot.

Debtor stated further that his friend told him that he needed money to pay accounts owing to shops. He personally had borrowed \$250 from an Indian money-lender and had signed for \$500. He had required the money to help to maintain his family. He was married and had two children.

The Official Receiver: Did you and your friend arrange to go bankrupt together?—No.

Do you mean to say that you never discussed the bankruptcy with your friend?—Oh, yes; we discussed it.

A RICH FATHER.

The second debtor, Leong Cho Kwan, said that he was employed as a clerk in the compradore department of Messrs. Sassoon & Co. His wages was \$30 a month.

The Official Receiver: You are paying me \$30 a month in your present bankruptcy?—Yes.

How do you manage to make such a large payment?—My father maintains my wife and myself.

Your father is a rich man?—He can provide for his daily wants.

Answer the question?—Yes; he is a rich rice merchant, and he has helped me on previous occasions.

WORTHLESS SHARES.

Questioned with regard to his previous employment, debtor said that he had been formerly connected with a fish shop, his wages being \$20 a month. Later he had been employed with a knitting and weaving company at \$30 a month. He had borrowed \$1,500 from a Chinese friend, and pledged 30 shares in the knitting company for the loan. He said that the shares were worth \$3,000.

On being pressed by the Official Receiver, debtor admitted that he had failed to sell the shares and had even, when they were in his possession, borrowed money from an Indian money-lender.

The Official Receiver characterized the shares as being worthless.

PAID FOR HIS MOTHER'S CLOTHES.

Debtor said that most of his liabilities were incurred for clothing for himself, his wife, and his mother.

The Official Receiver: Do you seriously contend that your father, who is already maintaining your family, relies on you, a clerk earning \$30 a month, to pay his wife's debts?—My father has several wives, and if he paid the debts of one, he would have to pay the debts of all.

If that is correct, would he be proud of people knowing that he refused to pay his wife's debts?—The debts were amongst classmates, so people could not know.

A VERY LUCKY MAN.

The assets of Cheng Pat Hing, a former silk merchant, were stated to be \$230 and his liabilities \$1,500. Debtor said that his bankruptcy was a personal one, because the other partner in the firm, with which he was previously connected, had money. The business had been in Mercer Street where he and his partner carried on a silk piece goods shop.

Debtor said that he had borrowed money for the use of the firm in his own name. When the public knew that the firm was weakening, they would not trust it, but they trusted him.

It was very strange that they would trust a poor person and not a rich firm?—I borrowed the money from my good friends.

Debtor said that he lived at present at 28, Aberdeen Street.

The Official Receiver: What are your personal expenses?—\$15 a month.
(Continued on next column.)

CANTON STRIKERS' "PRIZE COURT."

CONGESTION OF BUSINESS!

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Importers and exporters in Canton are complaining of the unreasonable delay in getting release of cargo which comes into the "Prize Court" of the Strike Committee enforcing the "anti-imperialist" boycott. Strike pickets insist on the examination of every case of cargo and goods suspected to be of British origin detained for further investigation. More than a hundred cases are now before the "Prize Court," including the one in which the Kwong Sang Hong, of Hongkong, is accused of having shipped 93 boxes of its toilet and chemical products into Canton by way of Shanghai. According to the Kwong Sang Hong, the shipment referred to was made after permission had been given by the Strike Committee.

LABOUR DISPUTE IN CANTON

PIECE-GOODS TRADE.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

After nearly three months' suspension of business the Canton Piece-Goods Guild, representing the employers, and the Piece-Goods Fokis' Union, for the shop assistants, have reached an agreement by which work may be resumed. The piece-goods trade in Canton, involving some 300,000 pieces of shirtings, sheetings, drills, jeans, I-cloth, alone, and some \$40,000,000 worth of foreign trade, is an important one in the Southern Capital.

The terms of settlement include the employment of only union-men; fokis or assistants, are to be signed up for a year's service on the second day of the Chinese year; fokis dismissed during the year are to be entitled to a whole year's compensation at a minimum rate of six dollars a month; fokis employed to cut dresses for customers are entitled to charge a fee of from five to fifteen cents a dress; fokis are to receive a bonus of one-tenth of one per cent. on all business done every month; fokis are to get all the boxes, drappings, left-overs from completely cut pieces, dyes, rebates from miscellaneous payments except insurance premiums and claims for shortage and discounts for cash payments.

What does your family consist of?—Myself, my wife, and a son aged 34 years. Then what are your total expenses each month?—\$25 will cover everything.

The Official Receiver: You are a very lucky man.

The examination was closed.

THE WING HING BANK.

The Official Receiver made an application for adjudication in the affairs of the Wing Hing Bank.

He said that a trustee, who was willing to serve, had been unanimously appointed. He was manager of a Chinese Bank, and possessed land free of all encumbrances.

He was not, however, prepared to enter into additional security in a personal bond of \$50,000. The trusteeship would probably be a difficult one. It was likely that considerable litigation would take place, and it could not be ascertained for some time whether much or little would be recovered.

His Lordship granted the application.

SEVEN YEARS' COMFORT.

When a building contractor, named Li Hon Ting, was examined in connection with his bankruptcy, the Official Receiver said that debtor had started with nothing and finished with nothing. He was no worse off than when he had begun; in fact, he had eight years' training and a comfortable existence on other people's money for seven years.

Debtor said that he had formerly been a draughtsman in the employ of a foreign firm, but went into business on his own account seven years ago. He had fulfilled several large contracts, but had lost a considerable amount of money in building houses at Aberdeen. When he began business he had no money himself, but was entirely financed by others.

ALLEGED FALSITIES.

In connection with the affairs of the Wing Hing Bank, the Official Receiver said that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of one of the partners. The proceedings had been instituted by another partner, who alleged that in his statement of bankruptcy certain alleged debts were false. Certain books were also said to have been destroyed. If the falsities were substantiated, the men would be charged with perjury.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, representing the complainant, asked that the Court should institute proceedings, so that his client should not bear the cost.

OTHER CASES.

Receiving orders were granted in the cases of the Yau Cheong Kee and Fung Kang Po firms. Mr. E. S. C. Brooks represented the former and Mr. J. T. Prior was for the latter.

The case of the Hing Loong Shing Kee firm, represented by Mr. Brooks, was adjourned. He said that one creditor in Annam, had not as yet replied as to whether he agreed to the submitted scheme of compensation.

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INTIMATIONS.

CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS OF CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. SHAW, TOMES & CO., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 9th DAY OF APRIL, 1926, at 11 O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and of electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th APRIL, 1926, to 26th APRIL, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the General Managers, R. FARRANT, Manager and Secretary. Hongkong, 14th April, 1926. [3439]

SHEK O DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

THE YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the SHEK O DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD., will be held in the Offices of Messrs. PALMER & TURNER, on TUESDAY, the 27th APRIL, 1926, at 5.15 P.M., to adopt the Accounts for the Year ending the 31st DECEMBER, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order, P. M. HODGSON, Secretary. 12th April, 1926. [3425]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 1st MAY, 1926, Commencing at 3 P.M. The First Bell will be rung at 2.30 P.M. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform—Half Price. Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINDSAY & DAVIS at \$5 each up to FRIDAY, 30th APRIL. The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for the Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge. [3447]

PEAK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of PEAK RESIDENTS will be held at the PEAK CLUB on MONDAY, the 26th APRIL, 1926, at 8 P.M., for the purpose of electing Officers and a General Committee for the current year. Ladies are Cordially Invited to Attend. E. R. C. HORNELL, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 12th April, 1926. [3433]

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INTIMATIONS.

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HONGKONG, APRIL 26th, 1926.

CANTON'S TRADE.

RECENTLY we reproduced from a Canton paper some comparative statistics of the revenue of the Customs Administration which showed that the revenue for the months of November, December and January was above the average revenue for the same months of the previous three years. Those figures—which we presume are official—doubtless surprised many who saw them and took them at their face value; for the first impression they are calculated to create is that, in spite of the boycott of Hongkong and British trade generally, the volume of trade at the port of Canton has suffered no diminution; but, on the contrary, is increasing. But "all things are not what they seem"; and it may not be without interest if we make a few general comments on the subject.

In the first place we may recall to the recollection of our readers the revenue figures of the Customs Administration published by the Inspector-General at the beginning of the year. While the total Customs revenue for the whole country showed a small improvement on that of the previous year—to the extent of only HK. Tls. 270,000—there were several ports (including Shanghai, Canton and Swatow) which showed a heavy decline. In the case of Canton the decrease was HK. Tls. 786,000. The statistics of the trade of Canton now published by the Customs Administration, establish the fact that the volume of trade passing through Canton showed a big decline last year—probably larger than the decreased Customs revenue suggests. It

is true that the statistics for the last quarter of the year showed considerable improvement "in many cases over those for the corresponding quarter of the previous year. We do not know exactly what is the explanation of that. It may be that more settled conditions in the country enabled larger quantities of goods to be taken out of bond to replenish exhausted stocks. Then again may not the increased Customs revenue in recent months be explained to some extent by the enhanced cost of goods for which the boycott conditions are responsible? Everybody is aware that consumers in Kwangtung are paying for most of the necessities of life much higher prices now than they were paying before the boycott commenced. There is no getting away from the fact that the boycotters' organization, which has been thriving on the "squeezes" it has been able to extort from importers and exporters and from certain foreign shipping companies, is at the same time imposing on the general body of consumers an intolerable burden of indirect taxation, and the wonder is that the Chinese people, who can have no real sympathy with this expensive boycott, have stood this drain on their resources so long. It is, of course, the poorest classes who feel this indirect taxation most acutely. There is probably not a single item in their meagre household budget which has not been made more costly by the boycott, and one simply wonders whether there is in the wide world another race of people which would have so long tolerated these burdens imposed by a cabal of terrorists which the Government has been unable to effectively control.

The 12th annual pianoforte recital of Professor Danenberg's pupils takes place at the City Hall to-day, at 5.30 p.m.

It is notified that in the estate of the late Mr. Leo Longinotto, solicitor, a first and final dividend of \$9.30 per cent has been declared.

A recent order issued at Canton states that foreign residents within the city are subject to the house and sanitary taxes like Chinese residents.

Mr. S. J. Jordan, secretary of Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., has left on Home leave by the s.s. of *City of Valencia*, and Mr. A. W. Brown has become acting secretary.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Harold Shantz to act as a Consul for the United States of America, in Hongkong, has received His Majesty's signature.

Mr. Percival Stephens Page and Messrs. White, Page & Co. are declared by the Registrar of Companies to be qualified as auditors under the Companies Ordinances, 1911 and 1925.

When revenue officers raided No. 14, Wingers Street, on Friday night, one of the men on the floor tried to escape by jumping over the veranah. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition.

H.E. the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, the King, to the Ordinance passed by the Legislative Council last week to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury bills in Hongkong and in London.

It is notified in the *Government Gazette* for general information that restrictions have been placed on the landing of dogs on Shamshien. Particulars can be obtained from Secretary, Shamshien Municipal Council, or from the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, Sanitary Department.

An Indian constable was remanded at the Central Magistracy on Saturday on a charge of accepting a bribe of 45 cents from a street hawker, and also of misconduct. Complaints had been received from hawkers concerning defendant's conduct. A hawker was given some marked money, and it is alleged that when the constable demanded a bribe, the hawker handed him the coins, and in this way the constable was trapped.

A small chimney fire occurred at 19, Ashley Road, Kowloon, at 5 p.m. last night, but with the arrival of the Fire Brigade the fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

A posse of police was sent from the Water Police Station yesterday afternoon on receiving a report from 93, Canton Road. Some 60 to 70 Shanghai men, employed by a local building firm had assembled outside the tea-house, trouble having arisen owing to one of the men refusing to pay for some tea. The man was taken to the Police Station and paid his debt. He then apparently told his friends of it, and they assembled outside the tea-house, with the object of creating a disturbance. When the police arrived, however, the crowd had dispersed.

There were two Home mails due yesterday, one consisting of papers, via Nagapatnam (dated London, March 25th) by the s.s. *Saarbruecken*, and the other letters from the United Kingdom and Europe via Siberia by the s.s. *President Jefferson*, which was also bringing mail from Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai. Owing to fog outside the harbour, the arrival of these vessels was delayed, and they did not arrive until late yesterday afternoon. Consequently the mails will be delivered this morning.

According to the *Shanghai Times*, Mr. M. W. Stegess, of the Hongkong Amusement, Ltd., who recently arrived in Shanghai, will conduct the business of the Universal Pictures Corporation there during the absence in America of Mr. Norman Westwood, who has been six years in China as representative of the Universal Pictures Corporation. Mr. Westwood is combining pleasure and business in his six months' stay to the States. He hopes that Mr. Carl Laemmle, President of the Corporation, may be persuaded to enter the production field in China, turning out really high-class Chinese films under the supervision of one of his famous directors.

It is now known that Sir Arthur K. Yapp, K.B.E., Secretary of the English National Council of the Y.M.C.A., who is on a tour of India and the Far East, accompanied by Mr. T. R. Ponsford, M.A., Secretary of the Foreign Department, will arrive in Hongkong next Friday by the P. & O. s.s. *Khyber*. They will meet the Directors of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, and a meeting of members had been arranged for next Friday at nine o'clock, when both Sir Arthur Yapp and Mr. Ponsford will give addresses. A dinner in their honour will be held, prior to this meeting, at 7.30, and members wishing to be present should notify the Secretary as soon as possible. Sir Arthur and Mr. Ponsford will doubtless also visit the Chinese Y.M.C.A. during their brief stay in the Colony. They are proceeding to Shanghai.

APPOINTMENTS MADE.

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments which are notified in the current issue of the *Government Gazette*:

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence from the Colony of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, with effect from April 26th.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden to be a Member of the Licensing Board for a period of three years, with effect from March 29th.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin to be a member of the Board of Education, vice Mr. E. F. Aucott, who has left the Colony, with effect from April 15th.

THE CANTON PICKET OUTRAGE. REPORTED GOVERNMENT APOLOGY.

Though we have no authoritative communication on the subject, we learn that it is generally understood in Canton that the Canton Government promptly apologized to Colonel Hayley Bell, the Commissioner of Customs, for the outrage committed upon him by a ruffianly gang of pickets last Thursday.

VALUABLE WATCH LOST.

LARCENY ON S.S. "SEISTAN."

Capt. Alex. Ingles, skipper of the s.s. *Seistan* lost a gold watch, valued at \$640, yesterday afternoon. He left the watch on a table in his cabin. A \$100 reward is being offered for its recovery.

SANITARY BOARD ELECTION POSTPONED.

COMPLETE VOTERS' LISTS TO BE COMPILED.

The election which was fixed for to-day for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the Sanitary Board caused by the retirement of Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., has been cancelled.

The notification in the *Government Gazette* regarding the cancellation, or postponement, is as under:—

It is hereby notified that Government Notification No. 204 of 10th April, 1926, concerning the election of a Member of the Sanitary Board is cancelled.

It is understood that the election will be held at a later date, but that it has been considered advisable in the meantime to prepare a complete list of those entitled to vote.

In addition to those whose names appear on the Jurors' Lists, there are the exempted persons mentioned in the Ordinance, such as professional men, lawyers, schoolmasters, clergymen, journalists, etc., who are entitled to vote in the election and no list of such exempted persons at present exists.

It is understood that the whole matter is under consideration by the Law Officers of the Crown.

The last election was declared void owing to the fact that many electors were, by reason of the inadequacy of the arrangements, unable to record their votes.

THREATENED POSTAL STRIKE IN CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Owing to a difference of opinion between the Postmen's Union and the Postal Commissioner at Canton regarding furlough and other questions, a strike is feared. The Postmen's Union, on April 21st, sent out warnings to all its members to be prepared for a strike, and a strike committee has been appointed to function when occasion demands.

"OPEN NIGHT."

ENJOYABLE R.A.O.B. CONCERT.

The members of the Hongkong Lodges of the R.A.O.B. held a most successful concert night at the R.A.O.B. Institute, Duddell Street, on Saturday on the occasion of the "Open Night" concert given by the R.A.O.B. Concert Party.

The large attendance of members and friends well filled the hall; while the programme proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable one from start to finish.

Mr. W. Howells was the Chairman and he was supported by Mr. W. Douglas Gibb, Secretary.

THE PROGRAMME.

The programme was opened by Barnicoat's jazz orchestra, which also gave other selections during the evening. Mr. Rex Russell was heard to splendid effect in his tenor solos; while the baritone contributions of Captain McNaught Thompson were also much appreciated. Songs were also rendered by Mr. Cyril Morisset, and the elocutionary efforts of Mr. Jack Bissett were excellent. Mr. Barnicoat's selections at the piano were most enjoyed, as were also the banjo solos by Mr. Ellis, and the saxophone contributions of Mr. Cowey. The comedy side of the programme was ably sustained by Mr. Taff Mitchell, who made a first rate "lady" and was the "star" of the evening; while Mr. Gus Muller was also good, both in his sentimental and humorous songs.

An excellent comedy sketch, entitled "Missing the Bus" was also given, the cast being:—Alf: Mr. Taff Mitchell; Liz: Mr. Doug Gibb; Slop: Mr. Mad Muller.

In a dramatic sketch "The Lights of London," the cast was:—Agent: Mr. W. Douglas Gibb; Comedian: Mr. Jack Asa Mitchell; Actor: Mr. F. Augustus Muller; Policeman: Mr. Bungy Williams.

The R.A.O.B. concert party hope to give a concert at a future date the proceeds of which after deducting expenses, will be jointly divided between the Ministering Children's League and the R.A.O.B. Orphanage.

CRASH OF REVOLVING FAN. INCIDENT AT THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

An extraordinary incident, which fortunately was not attended by very serious consequences, occurred in the ground floor of the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday evening. One of the overhead fans fell on to a table at which a number of European gentlemen—Messrs. Elsie Zeldy, A. H. Rowe, Goldsmith and Zeldy—were taking tea.

The fan which was revolving at the time crashed on to the corner of the table, smashing it, and causing slight injuries to the members of the party. Mr. Goldsmith had his hand injured, and Mr. Rowe was struck on the arm. Mr. Durand received a glancing blow on the head from one of the blades. All the gentlemen naturally had a great shock. They were treated in Hospital, but were not detained.

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE COAL PROBLEM.

SOME TACTFUL WORK BY MR. STANLEY BALDWIN.

LONDON, April 25th.

In the course of the afternoon and evening, Mr. Baldwin continued his conversations with separate meetings of the miners' and coal-owners' small committees. He requested both to hold themselves available for further consultation.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

A TACTFUL PREMIER.

ROOBY, April 25th.

Although no definite progress was made at the Premier's Conference this morning with the leaders of the coal-owners and the miners, the Premier succeeded in introducing a better spirit into the proceedings and, at his suggestion sub-committees of each side were appointed to continue the negotiations.

Mr. Baldwin told the coal-owners and the miners that he was representing neither side but representing the country which was a very much bigger thing than either. Another fact to be remembered, was that whether a stoppage occurred or not, the parties would have to negotiate at some time but negotiations after a stoppage, were not necessarily faster than before, and everyone was in a worse pecuniary position. After regretting that a deadlock had been reached, Mr. Baldwin called on Mr. Evan Williams from the coal-owners' point of view, and also upon Mr. Herbert Smith to state the reasons from the miners' standpoint.

Having heard their respective statements, the Premier said: "I think it is quite plain that at the moment you have tied yourselves up into a pretty tight knot. What I have got to try and do is to get that knot untied or cut. Now, from my point of view, it is perfectly impossible in an assembly of this size to make any steps towards solving that knot and I am going to ask each side if they will be good enough to retire and select a small number who will come and talk with me. I should be very glad if those small bodies of representatives would keep themselves at my disposal and I shall be very glad to begin this afternoon talking to them to see what way there is of getting over the first snarl which has presented itself to-day, and possibly discuss to such a point that it may be necessary for us all to meet again."

The Premier concluded by reminding the delegates that the subsidy to the coal industry would expire at the end of the month. Time was therefore of value.

Sub-committees of the coal-owners and miners, each consisting of nine members, met the Premier separately during the afternoon.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GOVERNMENT LOAN SUGGESTED.

LONDON, April 25th.

It is announced that the Mines Department has prepared a scheme for a Government loan to the coal industry, conditional on the re-organisation thereof and the closing of uneconomic pits.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DIFFICULTIES OF COMPROMISING.

It is understood that Mr. Stanley Baldwin, during the negotiations with the miners and owners, re-emphasised that there would be no subsidy and that the temporary assistance promised if the negotiations reach a satisfactory stage by May 1st will be rigidly limited.

The difficulties of finding a compromise between the owners' demand for district wages agreements and the miners' insistence on a national agreement, is illustrated by the fact that the miners in some districts receive free coal and in other districts free houses are provided for married miners. It is understood that the Premier made certain suggestions to the owners with regard to a national agreement and it is stated that the owners have returned to their districts with the object of discussing the possibility of resuming the negotiations on the basis of a national agreement for a national minimum.

The miners opine that if the owners are prepared to concede the principle of a national minimum, however small, the negotiations could continue on a more hopeful footing.

Well-informed people at present take a pessimistic view of the announcement of a conference between the Executives of the Trade Unions affiliated to the Trade Union Congress to be held on April 29th as it is assumed that if the negotiations fail, the conference will decide on action to support the miners in the event of a stoppage.

50 STATE LOAN.

LONDON, April 24th.

It is officially announced the Government is not contemplating a State Loan for the Coal Industry.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GROWTH OF FASCISM.

NO FURTHER ADMISSIONS TO MEMBERSHIP UNTIL 1927.

ROME, April 24th.

At a meeting of the Directory of the Fascist Party, Signor Mussolini presiding, Signor Turati (Secretary-General) reported that the membership of the Party on April 21st was 742,000, an increase of 328,000 compared with the twelve months previous.

The Directory decided that no further applications to membership would be considered until 1927.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUSSO-FRENCH DEBT.

PROSPECT OF SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS.

PARIS, April 25th.

Negotiations, quietly conducted in Paris for some time, aiming at a settlement of the Russian debt to France, seem on the verge of a successful outcome. Speaking at Moscow M. Litvinoff stated the conversations had entered the business stage, and both parties had worked out concrete proposals which were hitherto widely separated.

Paris newspapers trace the progress of the discussions which were firstly for the establishment of a debt redemption fund, which means, contributions to exporters and importers of both countries, graduated according to the volume of trade, but France has now requested the Soviets to pay a lump sum equal to 25 per cent. of the value of Russian bonds. The Soviets were not favourably disposed to this, but on the contrary insistently demanded credits, but Frenchmen are of the opinion that M. Rakowsky is not inclined to risk a failure like that of London, and is doing his utmost to take back with him a signed agreement.

RUSSIAN FLOODS.

SEVERAL STREETS IN LENINGRAD SUBMERGED.

MOSCOW, April 25th.

The Moskva River has reached a disquieting height above the level of the disastrous floods of 1908. Factories near the river are at a standstill. The Neva is overflowing its banks at Leningrad and has already submerged several streets in the Viborg quarter of the City.

SOVIET APPOINTMENT.

M. STOMONIANKOFF NEW COMMISSARIAT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

MOSCOW, April 25th.

M. Stomoniakoff, ex-Communist Representative of the Soviets to Germany, has been appointed Commissariat of Foreign Affairs and head of the Department for Poland and the Balkan States.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

SPANISH GRATITUDE.

THANKS TO BRITISH AIRMEN FOR THEIR RESCUE WORK.

ROOBY, April 25th.

King Alfonso of Spain has addressed the following message to the British Air Force:

"His Majesty wishes to convey to all ranks of the British Air Force and other military forces concerned, not only on his own behalf but also on behalf of his people, and particularly of the Spanish Army, an expression of his sincere appreciation of the brilliant and courageous services rendered by them in their successful search for Captain Estévez and his mechanic in the trans-Jordanian Desert. At the same time His Majesty desires to take this opportunity of expressing his pride in being associated with the British Army as Colonel-in-Chief of the 16th/5th Lancers."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HEROES TO BE DECORATED.

MADRID, April 25th.

King Alfonso telegraphed to King George expressing his personal gratitude and the thanks of the Navy, Army, and the whole Spanish nation to the British Air Force in the Near East for their splendid devotion in rescuing Captain Estévez, and asking permission to give the British airmen a Spanish decoration. King George replied most cordially according to King Alfonso's request.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

MONEY-LENDERS.

PRIVATE BILL TO CONTROL THEIR ACTIVITIES.

ROOBY, April 25th.

The House of Commons to-day passed the second reading of a private Bill introduced by Major R. G. L. Glyn (Conservative, Abingdon) which has for its object the control of money lenders.

The Bill provides that money lenders shall have to obtain licences, which will only be granted upon the submission of certificates fulfilling certain qualifications. No contract will be binding unless it is in writing and is worded in plain English as distinguished from legal language, and a copy of the contract must be supplied to the borrower.

Forty-eight per cent. is laid down as the rate of interest for loans, but this is not intended to be the maximum, but merely a general guide to Courts of law. Sir William Joynton Hicks, the Secretary of State for Home Affairs, announced during the debate that the Government would give general support to the Bill, which it regarded as a measure that had long been needed.

ZEEBRUGGE ANNIVERSARY.

CENOTAPH CEREMONY IN MEMORY OF BRITISH HEROES.

ROOBY, April 25th.

Members of the Zeebrugge Association this morning placed a wreath on the Cenotaph in memory of the men who fell in action at Zeebrugge, eight years ago.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BRITISH RUBBER.

COLONIAL OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT.

RESTRICTION SCHEME TO BE MAINTAINED.

LONDON, April 24th.

The Colonial Office announces that the percentage of standard production of rubber exportable at the minimum rate of duty from Ceylon and from Malaya during the quarter beginning May 1st will be 100, and a maximum limit of 500 lbs. per acre is provided under the regulations applicable to the assessment of estates exceeding 25 acres.

Malaya has abolished the maximum. The limit for the assessment of standard production in the case of small holdings is to be raised to 400 lbs. per acre for mature rubber and 300 for rubber in bearing, but not mature.

At the same time provision is to be made for restriction to 80 per cent. for the quarter beginning August 1st, should the average price of spot rubber on the London Market fall below 1s. 9d. per lb. during the quarter beginning May 1st.

ITALY'S COLONIAL WAR.

SUCCESSSES AGAINST REBEL TRIBESMEN REPORTED.

LONDON, April 24th.

Italian operations against tribesmen in Cyrenaica (Italian Somaliland) continue and, according to Rome, are attended with successful results, the Italian casualties being low and the rebels heavy.

Two columns operating in Cyrenaica, after a five hour march in territory south of Jebel el Akhdar reached Abid, where they routed the rebels after a bayonet charge. The rebels later remobilized and were reinforced, but were again routed. Six of the Colonial troops were killed and 13 wounded, while the rebels had 150 killed.

Italian progress in North Italian Somaliland and in Nugal territory led to the submission of the Omar Mahmud tribe. The operations were carried out with naval support. It is semi-officially stated that the Italian losses were insignificant, while the rebels lost heavily.

The Italians purpose to occupy the whole of Nugal territory as far as the frontiers of Abyssinia and British Somaliland, with the object of eradicating anarchy, which it is stated is rampant throughout the country.

SERIOUS RIOTING IN CALCUTTA.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN HINDU-MOHAMMEDAN CLASHES.

CALCUTTA, April 25th.

Two people were killed and 47 injured in further Moslem-Hindu disorders to-day. A gang of Mussulmans this afternoon rushed the principal market building and assaulted Hindu cloth merchants, seriously injuring four. Mussulman fruit-sellers helped the Hindus to chase off the assailants. Another gang of Mussulmans looted a big grain store and belaboured a Hindu who was sent to hospital. The number of shops closed is increasing and there are many individual assaults by stabbing and beating. Police pickets, armed with sticks, are now stationed in the disturbed area.

FURTHER CASUALTIES.

The situation is still considered grave. Further casualties are reported, including three deaths. The police have organised a flying squad and have the situation very in hand.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

KILLING SCENES OF RIOTING.

There were exciting scenes of rioting between Hindus and Mohammedans to-day, during which 41 people were injured. Up to the present there have been 15 deaths.

A crowd of 500 Mohammedans, armed with pickaxes, crowbars, sticks, swords and stones marched down Mechubazar Street to the accompaniment of drums. Police Sergeants MacLeod and Bonnard vainly tried to dissuade them, and MacLeod snatched and broke a drum. Brickbats were hurled at him, but he whistled out his revolver and dispersed the mob. Bonnard received minor injuries which were dressed in hospital.

Meanwhile, a large crowd of Hindus, armed with swords, knives and axes, assembled at one end of Mechubazar Street, and a fusillade of brickbats occurred between the opposing parties lasting an hour.

The police then fired blank ammunition which resulted in dispersing the combatants.

MORE STREET MURDERS.

The northern part of the city had a deserted aspect to-night, most of the shops having closed at the suggestion of the police, who put extra patrols on duty.

Two armoured cars paraded the streets where disturbances had been especially bad. Solitary cases of assault and looting continued.

Two Hindus were found dead in the street with dagger wounds. A party of Mohammedan hooligans disembowelled one Hindu before killing him. A police sergeant and constable have been wounded.

A detachment of a hundred Gurkha Rifles has arrived.

RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY.

The Russo-German Treaty has been signed by Herr Stresemann and Ambassador Krestinski. The text will be published next week.

INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE.

The 1927 budget of the International Labour Office shows a reduction in expenditure of 43,000 francs, as compared with 1926.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WHITE STAR SHIPS.

BRITISH OFFER TO PURCHASE MARINE CORPORATION DIRECTORS RESIGN.

NEW YORK, April 23rd.

A cash offer for the White Star Line has been received from certain British interests. It will be considered at a special meeting of the Directors of the International Mercantile Marine Corporation to-day.

MARINE CORPORATION DIRECTORS RESIGN.

NEW YORK, April 24th.

J. P. Morgan and Charles Steel, a member of Morgana, have both resigned Directorships on the International Mercantile Marine Corporation, which is interpreted in Wall Street as indicating that the negotiations to purchase the White Star Line are practically completed.

It is recalled that the late J. P. Morgan founded this Corporation, which owns the controlling interest in the White Star Line.

BIDS FROM CUNARD AND FURNES-WITHY.

The statement regarding the resignations of J. P. Morgan and Steele was prompted by the fact that the London partner might be interested in the contemplated sale of some of the properties of the International Mercantile Marine Corporation.

It is reported that both the Cunard and Furnes-Withy Companies made bids for the White Star fleet, and as a prospect of the transference of the line to the Cunard Co. the price is stated about \$35,000,000.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SENATION CREATED IN LIVERPOOL.

LONDON, April 24th.

Shipping circles in Liverpool have received a sensation in the reported offer by British interests to purchase the White Star Line, with which Baron Kysant's name is prominently mentioned.

A DENIAL.

In reply to an enquiry in regard to the offer to purchase the White Star Line, Baron Kysant has stated that he knew nothing at all about it.

INDIANS IN AFRICA.

ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS PROBLEM.

CAPE TOWN, April 23rd.

Speaking in the Assembly, Dr. Malan, the Minister of the Interior, announced that as the result of conversations between the Union Cabinet and the Government of India deputation which recently visited Cape Town, a formula has been agreed upon which will form the basis and determine the nature of a round-table conference, at which a serious and honest attempt will be made to arrive at an effective and amicable solution of the Indian problem. The formula ensured the co-operation of the two Governments in exploring all possible methods of settling the question on the basis of the maintenance of western standards of life by just and legitimate means.

The Conference's proposals will be subject to confirmation by the South African and Indian Governments. In the meantime, the proposed Asiatic legislation will not be proceeded with.

Dr. Malan expressed satisfaction that the matter was dealt with as solely concerning South Africa and India.

RELIEF AND THANKFULNESS IN INDIA.

BOMBAY, April 24th.

South Africa's acquiescence to the proposal for a round table conference over the Indian problem is wholeheartedly welcomed by the Press of all shades of opinion. Even the extremist papers give the Indian Government credit for the part it has played in the negotiations.

Mr. Gandhi, who expressed feelings of relief and thankfulness, considers the Union Government is undoubtedly entitled to safeguard what it calls the "western standard of life" by just and legitimate means.

TRIBUTE TO SHAKESPEARE.

FLAGS OF SIXTY-THREE NATIONS AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

LONDON, April 23rd.

The flags of 63 nations were unfurled at Stratford-on-Avon to-day as a world-tribute to Shakespeare. They included the Soviet Red Flag, which was unfurled by the Consul-General of the Russian headquarters in London.

Three long rows of flags, headed by the Union Jack, made an impressive spectacle, as they floated simultaneously at the sound of a trumpet.

WEEK'S STOPPAGE.

MASTER COTTON-SPINNERS' ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATION.

LONDON, April 23rd.

The Short-time Organisation Committee of the Federation of Master Cotton-Spinners' Association of Manchester, has decided strongly to recommend that the Lancashire yarns industry close for a full week beginning, May 3rd. The decision affects two-third of the spinning trade and 150,000 operatives.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

OBITUARY.

MR. JOSEPH PENNELL.

NEW YORK, April 24th.

The death is announced of the famous etcher, Mr. Joseph Pennell, from pneumonia.

[Mr. Joseph Pennell, who was 66 years of age, was world famous as an etcher and also as an author.]

PEKING SITUATION.

RECONCILING CONFLICTING CIVIL AND MILITARY INTERESTS.

FURTHER HOSTILITIES AGAINST KUOMINCHUN UNDER DISCUSSION.

THE SANGFROID OF THE PEOPLE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, April 24th.

Chi Hsieh Yuan left Paoingfu for Peking this afternoon.

The Committee of Safety last evening co-opted Generals Wang Huai Ching and Li Ching Lin, thus temporarily overcoming Wang's embarrassment as regards his position in Peking. Li Ching Lin is to remain in Peking, while Chang Hsueh Liang and Chang Tsung Chang intend to proceed to Tientsin to-morrow.

The entry of the two Generals to the Committee has drawn comment from critics to the effect that the "militarists" have now occupied the Committee as they occupied Peking. But responsible Chinese circles are of the opinion that the Committee "is greatly strengthened," and point out the outstanding figures on the Committee, Wang Shih Chen and Chao Erh Hsun, possess the confidence of Marshals Chang Tso Lin and Wu Pei Fu, while the two Generals have given assurance that they will respect Wang Shih Chen's authority and aid the Committee in handling military questions, which have hitherto hampered administrative action.

The Committee's spokesman to-day expressed the hope that the Committee will now be able to reconcile the conflicting civil and military interests with due regard to both.

Financial arrangements to honour the Fengtien notes which are widely circulating in Peking, and to the extension of the Committee of Safety together with the growing belief that Chihli-Fengtien discord is unlikely, notwithstanding the vast propaganda to that effect, have created a more optimistic feeling.

To-day the Chinese are carrying on as though they hadn't a care, viewing with characteristic sangfroid the present high cost of living, dwindling supplies, the prospects of the poorest harvest through interrupted cultivation, the virtual certainty of an early renewal of warfare against the Kuominchun, and the probability of long-drawn discussions and intrigues in connection with the arrangements which a reconstruction of the Government is bound to entail.

The Allied leaders have telegraphed to Marshals Chang Tso Lin and Wu Pei Fu urging them to come to Peking for a conference.

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CHANG TSO LIN'S THREAT.

Interviewed by British and American Pressmen this afternoon, Chang Hsueh Liang said that Wang Huai Ching in addition to being a member of the Committee of Safety would take the post of Garrison Commandant, while the appointment of Wang Han-Ming had been withdrawn. Li Ching Lin also would assume charge of the Chihli-Shantung troops at the Capital.

Regarding further hostilities against the Kuominchun, he said the matter was at present under discussion at Paoingfu and the Fengtien General Chang Ching Hsueh. He asserted that the fullest agreement existed with Wu Pei Fu.

While the interview was proceeding Chang Hsueh Liang received a telegram from Marshal Chang Tso Lin in which the latter threatened to withdraw his own troops to Mukden unless the strictest measures were taken forthwith to prevent further misbehaviour on the part of the Allied troops in Peking.

In connection with these reports, which had shocked him, Chang's telegram pointed out that the Kuominchun troops had behaved well in their retreat, on which they were to be complimented.

"How can our troops expect victory over the Kuominchun," he said, "unless they behave at least as well."

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LOCAL SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

Saturday's games resulted as under:—
"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY CUP—FINAL
Portugal 3. England 1
HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division I.
Kowloon 3. South China 0
Division II. "B."
South China "C." v. Kowloon "B." 1

PORTUGAL v. ENGLAND.

"End of the season football" was much in evidence in the final game in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition, played on the ground of the Hongkong F.C. on Saturday last. The play was much below the usual standard for a final tie, and other attractions accounted for a very poor gate.

Local charities will therefore suffer. The weather, was much against good football and last minute changes on both sides did not go to improve the game. Charlesworth (Surreys), Simms and Aury (Kowloon) were absent from the side representing England, while Gosano, Roche and Fernandez were noted absentees from the Portuguese team.

Noronha, in the Portugal goal, early turned out a fast shot, from Humberstone and from a free kick for England. Xavier cleared from Bristow. A little later Jordan cleared from a centre by Brown and a fast cross shot from Silva crossed the line near the posts. Watson tried a long shot which went wide and Howard gave Humberstone a good chance to open the score but he sent outside the posts. Ogley turned the ball to touch to stop Bennett and the latter throwing was pulled up for a foul throw. England forced a corner off Xavier and Humberstone, receiving from the flag kick, headed in, Noronha clearing. Watson sent in a dropping shot which Noronha cleared. Jordan crossing over stopped Brown and Wynne and got in the way of a drive from Gutterres. Free kick against King for pushing Xavier was cleared by Wynne and Howard, but missed with a fast cross shot. Crocker saved from Silva and Brown and off-side by Fuentes relieved. End to end play continued and at the interval the score sheet was blank.

The second half of the game saw England badly outplayed and with Merry off the field practically throughout. Portugal put on three goals against one scored by England. Portugal forced a corner almost from the resumption and during a scramble in the goalmouth, Ward headed into the net. This success was well received by Portugal's supporters and having secured the lead they went out for further success. Brown nothing in the next minute with a high cross shot. Fuentes netted a moment later and the Referee pointed to the centre amidst protests from the defenders, for Fuentes had sent the ball into the net with his hands. After consultation with the linesmen the point was disallowed. Within a couple of minutes, Fuentes had given his side a further advantage by lobbing the ball into an empty goal, Crocker having failed to recover from clearing a shot from Silva.

Portugal now had a three goals lead, but Humberstone taking a pass from Bennett sent into the net. Watson sent King in but his shot was weak and Noronha cleared. Wynne stopped a shot from Gutterres and Ward sent in wide. Howard gave Humberstone a good opening, but the latter delayed his shot and Ogley cleared. Howard sent over the bar from twenty yards and King was wide with a long shot. Crocker cleared from a wing shot by Brown, and Gutterres sent in wide. Silva sent Fuentes in but Crocker saved the shot and later saved from Brown. The final whistle sounded with Portugal winners by three goals to one.

On their second half display, Portugal fully deserve their win. England missed several good openings in the first half. At the conclusion of the game, Mrs. H. M. McTavish very kindly presented the Cup to Mr. A. A. Remedios the captain of the winning team.

Mr. C. T. May, on behalf of the H.K.F.A., thanked the Sunday Herald for presenting the cup for annual competition by International teams.

He congratulated the Portuguese on winning the competition in their first year of entry. On the call of Mr. A. A. Remedios, three rousing cheers were given for Mrs. McTavish. Reciprocating cheers by the teams were well received.

Portugal: Noronha; Ogley & Xavier; C. Remedios; A. A. Remedios (Captain); and Sousa, Silva, Ward, Fuentes, Gutterres and Brown.

England: Crocker, Wynne and Jordan; Watson, Bristow and Bristow; Merry, Howard (Captain), Humberstone, King and Bennett. Referee: Mr. Smith. Linesmen Messrs. Gilmour and McIvor.

KOWLOON v. SOUTH CHINA.

Kowloon strengthened their position at the head of the league with a win over South China by three clear goals on the Railway ground at Kowloon. The first half was very evenly contested, Kowloon having the advantage of a goal when the teams crossed over. In the last ten minutes of the game, Kowloon were on top and put on two goals in quick succession.

South China got off with a dash and Chan Kwong Yu got well down before he was beaten by Wheeler. Simms had a good opening for Lau Hing Cheung coming out to clear from a centre by Duncan, missed the ball and the Kowloon centerforward headed in but the ball struck the upright and rebounded to play. Hayes tested Lau with a close range shot and Mason hit the crossbar following a free kick. A fine cross shot by Duncan was missed by Simms while at the other end Ip Kau was charged off his shot by Turner. Lau punched away from a shot by Mason who again received and crossed to Duncan who sent against the underside of the bar and the ball rebounded into the net. Half-time: Kowloon, 1; South China, 0.

After the restart, South China were attacking but a free kick against Ip Kau relieved. Simms had another glorious chance but failed. From a free kick against Reed, Lo Wai Man sent along the line to Chan but he failed to get his shot in before being beaten by Turner. Avery saved from Pang Kam Wing at the expense of a corner. The flag kick was sent behind. Avery mistimed a shot from Suen and dropped the ball which luckily rolled over the line clear of the posts. A scramble followed the flag kick and a sigh of relief went up from the home supporters when the ball sailed over the bar. McKelvie sent in a long range shot and Lau saved by turning the ball behind. Chan was sent down the wing and sending over a well-timed centre. Pang met the ball with only centre. Pang sent the ball straight into the goalkeeper's hands when a goal for South China seemed a certainty. Lau in saving from Spary gave away a corner, but Mason sent behind from the flag kick. Kowloon made the game safe when McKelvie sent Simms in and the latter beat Lau with a well placed shot from close range. Before the final whistle sounded, Mason beat Lau with a well placed shot, the goalie just reaching the ball as it passed on its way to the net. The final whistle found Kowloon winning by three goals to nil.

SOUTH CHINA "C." v. KOWLOON "B."

South China "C." journeyed to Kowloon to meet the "B." team on the Railway ground and returned with a five to one victory. By this result, South China wins the Division II. "B." championship.

Goals for South China were scored, in the first half by Tin Lip Fat, Pan Kah Chuen and Fung King Cheung, and in the second half by Pan Kah Chuen and Tin Lip Fat. Ross scored for Kowloon in the first half.

BOXING.

POLICE TOURNAMENT ON MAY 1st.

A boxing tournament under the auspices of the Police and Prison Departments will take place at the Volunteer Headquarters next Saturday night. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) is one of the patrons.

Eighteen entries have been received, and the preliminary bouts will be decided in the course of the week. The entries comprise the following:—

Heavyweight:—P.C. McGinley, Sgt. Harle, Warder Dyer, Warder Spoor, Sgt. Collyer, Sgt. Johnson.

Middleweight:—Sgt. Haywood and Warder Joyce.

Welterweight:—Warders Andrew, Warder Dedear, Warder Hagen, Sgt. Jessop, Warder Bonner, Sgt. Fell.

Lightweight:—Warders Lacey, Warder Culver, Warder Noonan, Sgt. Mallit.

The programme also includes a special ten-round welterweight bout between St. Reynolds, Submarine L.S. and Pte. Mann, East Surreys. These men clashed in a six-round contest at the last tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association. On that occasion, Reynolds won narrowly.

STUDENTS IN THE RING.

On Thursday last the annual boxing tournament of the Central British School was held in the school hall. The tournament was an inter-house contest, Nathan House being victorious with 14 points. May House came second, and Lugard House was last.

The boxing was good and clean. The results were as under:—

J. McCubbin (Nathan) beat R. Wooley (May).

L. Marshall (Nathan) beat T. Sloan (May).

N. Hackett (Lugard) beat G. MacClay (May).

D. Kelly (May) beat M. Bach (Lugard).

D. Dixon (Nathan) beat A. Chester (Lugard).

S. Rogers (Lugard) beat G. Rapp (May).

R. Butler (Nathan) beat R. Forster (Lugard).

E. Moore (Nathan) beat I. Black (Lugard).

P. Geldart (May) beat R. Blythe (Nathan).

G. Carr (May) beat J. Maycock (Nathan).

A. Ursell (May) beat L. Huggitt (Lugard).

L. Easterbrook (May) beat S. MacNider (Lugard).

L. Evans (Nathan) beat A. Maycock (May).

J. Gourley (Nathan) beat W. Geldart (Lugard).

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS.

RESULTS OF DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL EVENTS.

The four Houses of the Diocesan Boys' School (Brown, Blue, Yellow and Green) have held some of their sports during the past week, and the results to date are given below. No prizes are awarded, but points are given, the first receiving 5; second, 3; and third, 1.

RESULTS.

Senior.

100 yards:—1st, T. Edwards (Green); 2nd, Yu Pak Chuen (Green); 3rd, M. Yamashita (Brown).

220 yards:—1st, A. Clarke (Blue); 2nd, M. Yamashita (Brown); 3rd, A. Greaves (Yellow).

440 yards:—1st, Wong Kam Pui (Yellow); 2nd, Ma Chiu Chiong (Yellow); 3rd, M. Yamashita (Brown).

Half mile:—1st, M. Yamashita (Brown); 2nd, N. Mackay (Yellow); 3rd, Lueng Cheuk Chuen (Green).

One mile:—1st, G. Kew (Blue); 2nd, V. Shaw (Green); 3rd, G. Chao (Brown).

High Jump:—1st, Yu Pak Chuen (Green); 2nd, Ma Chiu Chiong (Yellow); 3rd, Cheung Wing Shuen (Blue).

Long Jump:—1st, A. Chenalley (Green); 2nd, Yu Pak Chuen (Green); 3rd, A. Lee (Brown).

Junior.

100 yards:—1st, Cheng Chee (Yellow); 2nd, B. Wong (Brown); 3rd, S. Christie (Blue).

220 yards:—1st, A. Hunt (Blue); 2nd, J. Minihetto (Green); 3rd, S. Christie (Blue).

440 yards:—1st, A. E. Guterres (Brown); 2nd, B. Wong (Yellow); 3rd, N. Broadbridge (Brown).

High Jump:—1st, B. Wong (Brown); 2nd, Cheng Chee (Yellow); 3rd, S. Christie (Blue).

Long Jump:—1st, Cheng Chee (Yellow); 2nd, G. White (Green); 3rd, B. Chan (Yellow).

Preliminary.

100 yards:—1st, F. Martin (Yellow); 2nd, N. Broadbridge (Yellow); 3rd, Watson (Blue).

220 yards:—1st, F. Martin (Yellow); 2nd, N. Broadbridge (Yellow); 3rd, Watson (Blue).

440 yards:—1st, Wong Sik Hen (Green); 2nd, F. Martin (Yellow); 3rd, N. Broadbridge (Yellow).

High Jump:—1st, Wong Kam Yim (Blue); 2nd, F. Martin (Yellow); 3rd, Wong Sik Hen (Green).

Long Jump:—1st, I. Watson (Blue); 2nd, F. Martin (Yellow); 3rd, J. Winch (Green).

SUMMARY OF POINTS.

Senior.

Event	Brown	Blue	Yellow	Green
100 yards	1	5	1	
220 yards	3	5	1	
440 yards	1	5	3	1
1 mile	5	3	1	
1 mile	5	3	1	
High Jump	1	3	5	8
Long Jump	1	3	5	8

Junior.

Event	Brown	Blue	Yellow	Green
100 yards	3	1	5	
220 yards	6		3	
440 yards	9	3	3	
High Jump	5	1	3	3
Long Jump	5	1	3	3

Preliminary.

Event	Brown	Blue	Yellow	Green
100 yards	1	8		
220 yards	1	8		
440 yards	4	5		
High Jump	5	3	1	
Long Jump	5	3	1	

Total number of points: 20 31 55 30

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

HIS EXCELLENCY TO PRESENT THE PRIZES.

The inter-school sports will be held on the Hongkong Football Club ground on Wednesday. The competing schools are: Diocesan Boys' School, Queen's College, St. Joseph's College, St. Paul's College, and St. Stephen's College. The school securing the highest number of points in chosen events will be awarded the Governor's Shield, to be retained for one year. It was won last year by St. Joseph's College.

Cups to be competed for are: The Canton Nanyang Brothers Challenge Cup; Sir Paul Chater Cup; Nestlé & Anglo-Swiss Milk Co. Cup; and the Ellis Kadourie Challenge Cup. The school securing the highest number of points in chosen events will be awarded the Governor's Shield, to be retained for one year. It was won last year by St. Joseph's College.

BILLIARDS.

PAULKINER TO PLAY OSMUND.

Claud Faulkner, the famous billiards player, is visiting Hongkong, probably at the end of the week, and he will meet Osmund, the champion of the Colony, at the Lusitano Club.

It had been previously arranged that Faulkner should meet Osmund last Monday, but the match was postponed owing to a later arrangement made, whereby George Gray, the Australian player was to meet Faulkner in Shanghai.

Osmund is the best of the Colony's players, and the game should be very interesting.

HOCKEY.

INDIANS DEFEAT CLUB.

On the Marina ground, Kowloon, on Friday evening, the 2nd Punjab defeated the Hongkong Hockey Club by 7 goals to 4. Three of the Club's goals were scored by Lawrence.

BRITAIN AND THE REST IN ATHLETICS.

[BY F. A. M. WEBSTER.]

At the Oxford University sports this year Rhodes scholars from the Dominions and America took five firsts and eight seconds out of eleven events.

The teams to represent Oxford and Cambridge in athletics at Queen's Club have been chosen and Blues and Half Blues awarded. There are two dozen places in each team, and of the Oxford twenty-four four are from the Dominions and no fewer than nine from America. There are, in fact, no English public schools men in the 100 yards, quarter mile, 220 yards, hurdles, shot put, or pole vault. Cambridge, on the other hand, include only two overseas athletes in their team, if one excludes V. B. V. Powell, who was, I believe, born in Australia, but educated at Clifton; there are two Freshmen, G. C. Weightman-Smith, Natal, in the high hurdles, and J. Fletcher, Harvard University, U.S.A., in the low hurdles.

It is, of course, the array of Americans in the Oxford side which is apt to make the man in the street wonder if man for man, our home-bred athletes are as good as those produced in America. Man for man, I do not think they are. We have the best natural material in the world, and our best taught and trained men have proved themselves to be world beaters.

At Stockholm in 1912 A. N. S. Jackson (O.U.A.C.) beat a bunch of American mile record holders at 1,500 metres; J. P. Abrahams, D. G. A. Lowe and H. M. Abrahams, of Cambridge, and Eric Liddell, Edinburgh University, won world's championships at 800, 100 and 400 metres respectively; and again all these athletes and Lord Burghley, the hurdler, as well, gained track victories in America, although Abrahams, as a long jumper, could not be considered in the same class as the Americans, Gourdin, de Hart Hubbard, and Legendre, all of whom, by their greater skill, beat 25ft., Hubbard, indeed, actually reaching 25ft. 10in.

We have accused the Americans of over specialisation, but really they gain their victories by their wonderful fitness, all-round skill, and amazingly perfect technique.

For example, S. H. Thomson, who will represent Oxford in the shot put and high hurdles, won the all-round championship of America in 1919 and 1921, and competed with distinction in the A.A.A. championships of 1920 in the high and long jumps, javelin, shot, and discus, if my memory serves me, and was only prevented from taking part in the pole vault because there was no pole available for his use.

R. L. Hyatt, who enjoys the unique distinction of having been chosen to represent Oxford in four events (high and long jumps, pole vault, and shot put) is also a first-rate sprinter, and at Oxford has frequently won all five events in one afternoon this season. While the fact remains that H. M. Osborn (U.S.A.), who holds the world's high jump record of 6ft. 8ins., also holds the world's Decathlon record with wonderfully fine performances in all ten events.

I think the whole thing boils down to this: mentally and physically English athletes are as good as any in the world, but they fall before the United States onslaught because good athletic instruction is very hard to come by in England, whereas the young American is taught the intricacies of technique from the time he first pulls on a spiked shoe, and so arrives at the estate of manhood possessed of a perfect technical style, which gives him his great results and must ever be a sheer delight to the eye of the beholder.—Evening Standard.

LADIES' GOLF.

RESULTS IN TWO COMPETITIONS.

On Friday afternoon last there was a tombstone competition for members of the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club played over the Deep Water Bay course.

The competition was won by Mrs. E. B. Reed, with Mrs. Greensmith second. Mrs. Murdoch won the prize for the "hidden hole."

At the conclusion of the play, Mrs. A. Denison, who is shortly leaving the Colony, and who gave the prizes for this competition, presented them to the winners.

Mrs. Denison also put up prizes sometime ago for an eclectic competition, played at Deep Water Bay, and she also presented these prizes.

In this competition, prizes were given for the best gross score and the best net score. Mrs. Allan Cameron won the first prize in each section with a score of 66 and 62 respectively; while Mrs. Davidson won the second prize with a gross score of 65 and a net score of 61.

According to the Manila Bulletin, plans are on foot to form a Manila Yacht Club. Mr. J. C. Rockwell, vice-president of the Manila Electric Company, is the originator of the idea, and many other sportsmen have expressed their keen interest in the project. It is believed that sufficient financial backing would be forthcoming from those interested in order to construct a basin for the anchorage of the boats, and the construction of a club and boat house and other incidentals which would be necessary.

A challenge received from Eliot Hall of the Hongkong University invites the European Y.M.C.A. to be their opponents in a ping-pong tournament. The match will take place next Thursday, and the Y.M.C.A. team will be Messrs. E. Murphy, J. Petrie, L. Weill, M. Weill, D. Ogilvie and J. C. Long.

CURRENT CINEMA PICTURES. PROGRAMMES AT THE LOCAL THEATRES.

A picture which has a charm for both young and old was shown at the Queen's Theatre yesterday in "Twenty-One," starring Richard Barthelmess, Barbara La Marr and Irene Rich. The story concerns the love of a rich man's son for a factory girl and the efforts of his father to frustrate the romance. How the boy takes things into his own hands and proves his manhood is portrayed in some remarkable scenes. "Twenty-One" will be shown again at all performances today.

To-morrow and Wednesday Irene Rich and Huntly Gordon will be the principals in "My Wife and I," adapted from the novel by Harriet Beecher Stowe.

From Thursday to Saturday, "The Shooting of Dan McGrew," founded on Robert Service's famous poem of the Yukon will be shown. Barbara La Marr is "The Lady that's known as Lou," and Lew Cody plays the part of "Dangerous Dan McGrew." Percy Marmont takes the role of "Jim, the Husband."

A splendid attraction at the 9.15 houses from Thursday to Saturday will be the Russian State Ballet, reference to which has already been made in the Daily Press.

STAR THEATRE.

There are some good attractions at the Star Theatre, this week.

Today there is "Lost in a Big City," starring John Lowell, in a picture that evokes laughs, and provides plenty of excitement.

For to-morrow and Wednesday Dore Davidson and Florence Vidor appear in "Welcome Stranger," a picture full of clever humour and human appeal, and from Thursday to Saturday, Henry B. Walthall will be seen in "The Unknown Purple."

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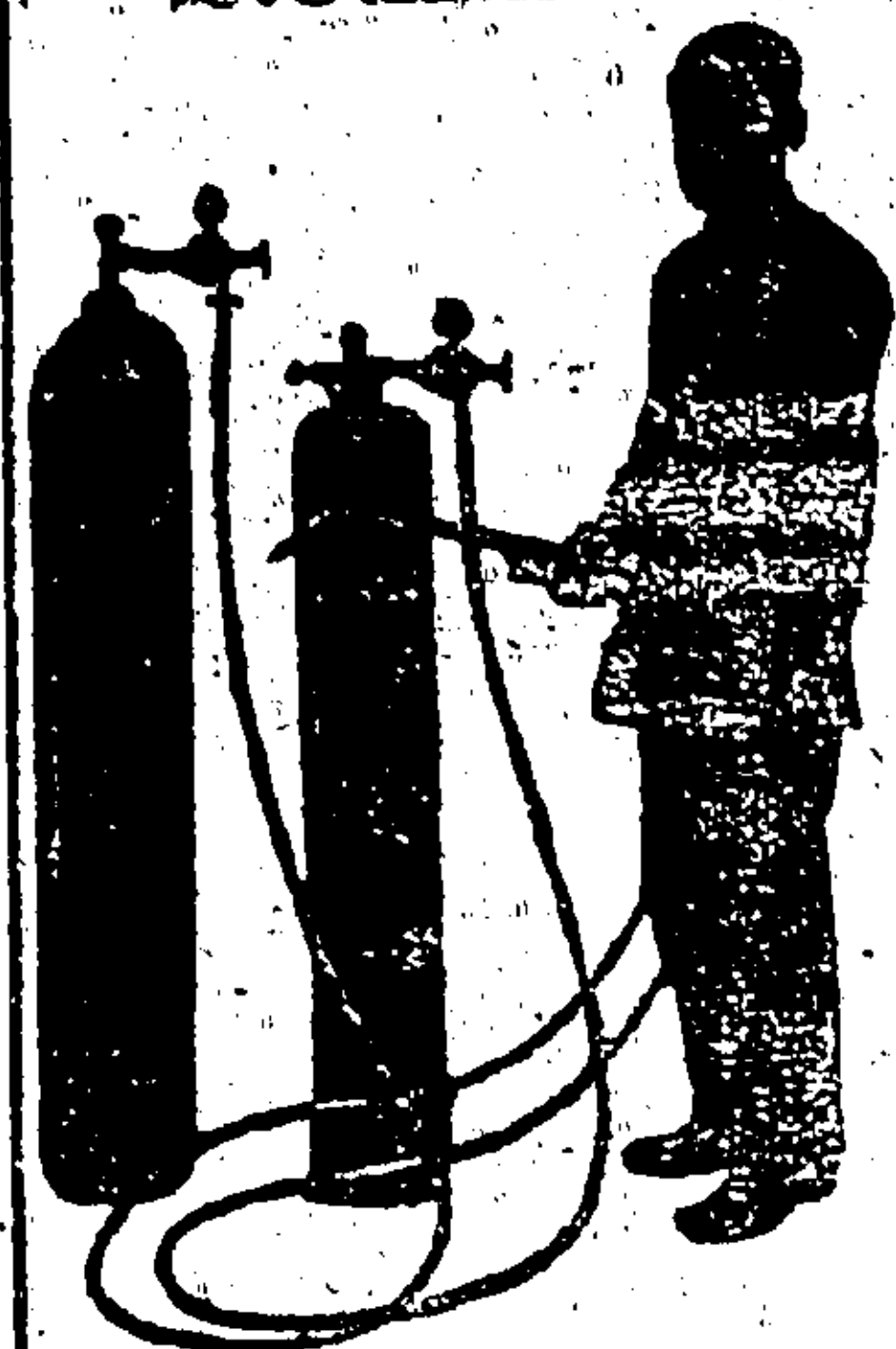
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All damaged Packages will be examined on
Monday, the 28th instant, at 10.00 a.m., by
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
J. LIMAGE,
Agent.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1926. [3474]

HOME SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, April 24th.
The matches played in the English and
Scottish Leagues on Saturday resulted
as follows:—

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION ONE.

Birmingham, 1; West Ham U., 0.
Blackburn R., 3; Aston Villa, 1.
Bury, 4; Leicester City, 0.
Cardiff C., 2; Liverpool, 2.
Everton, 3; Newcastle U., 0.
Sheffield U., 2; Manchester U., 0.
Sunderland, 3; Notts County, 1.
Tottenham H., 0; Burnley, 2.
W. Bromwich A., 2; Arsenal, 1.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION TWO.

Barnsley, 3; South Shields, 1.
Blackpool, 0; Swansea Town, 0.
Bradford C., 2; Stockport C., 2.
Chelms, 0; Middlesbrough, 1.
Clapton O., 1; Preston N.E., 1.
Darlington, 3; Wolverhampton, W., 4.
Derby C., 1; Oldham A., 0.
Hull C., 1; Portsmouth, 0.
Nottingham F., 1; Stoke C., 2.
Port Vale, 0; Fulham, 1.
Southampton, 1; The Wednesday, 2.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN).

Aberdare A., 1; Queen's Park R., 0.
Brentford, 2; Exeter C., 0.
Brighton & H.A., 2; Bristol R., 0.
Bristol C., 3; Bournemouth & B.A., 0.
Crystal Palace, 3; Reading, 0.
Millwall, 3; Newport County, 3.
Northampton, 0; Luton T., 1.
Norwich C., 2; Merthyr T., 2.
Plymouth A., 1; Charlton A., 0.
Southend U., 1; Gillingham, 1.
Watford, 3; Swindon T., 2.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN).

Ashington, 2; Walsall, 0.
Barrow, 3; Tranmere R., 3.
Crewe R., 0; Hartlepool A., 2.
Crewe A., 3; Grimsby T., 1.
Doncaster R., 0; Accrington S., 2.
Lincoln C., 0; Rotherham U., 3.
Nelson, 1; Rochdale, 3.
N. Brighton, 1; Bradford, 1.
Southport, 3; Halifax Town, 1.
Wigan B., 2; Chesterfield, 0.
Wrexham, 3; Durham C., 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Celtic, 6; Dundee U., 2.
Dundee, 4; Cowdenbeath, 3.
Kilmarnock, 2; Rangers, 1.
Morton, 3; Airdrieonians, 2.
Partick T., 1; Hearts, 4.
Raith B., 1; Queen's Park, 2.
Rangers, 2; Hamilton A., 0.
St. Mirren, 3; Aberdeen, 0.
Falkirk, 2; Clydebank, 2.

BOLTON WIN THE CUP.

SCENES OF ENTHUSIASM AT WEMBLEY FINAL.

WEMBLEY, April 24th.

The Association Cup-Final took place
here to-day, in dull and cold weather,
when 92,000 spectators, including His
Majesty the King, saw Bolton Wanderers
beat Manchester City by one goal to nil.
Jack, the inside-right, scoring in the
34th minute of the second half.

There was the customary enthusiasm,
particularly between the rival Lancashire
sections, who were conveyed from the
North in a series of specials, in
addition to motor charabancs.

Twenty minutes from the start the
enclosures were full and the crowd was
allowed into the arena, but there was no
disorder.

Bolton started off with great dash,
which was not maintained. The City's
defence settled down and kept Bolton
at bay, and then Manchester took the
offensive. The Bolton goal had narrow
escapes, but up to the interval there was
no score.

Bolton returned to the attack, Joe
Smith inside-left, initiating movements
skillfully. Play deteriorated to rough-
ness in a desperate fight to score, and
then in the 34th minute, Butler, right-
winger, hooked the ball to Vizard, who
lobbed to Jack, the latter driving high
into the net.

Manchester exerted the most strenuous
efforts to equalise, and did not have the
best of luck. Bolton were content to re-
main on the defensive, and though
severely taxed, held out until the whistle,
winning by the only goal.

There was intense excitement at the
finish. The crowd swarmed on to the
field, and carried off the goal-scorer
shoulderhigh.

Amid deafening cheers, Bolton's captain,
Joe Smith, received the Cup from His
Majesty, who also presented medals to
both teams.

AMATEUR GOLF.

SURREY CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY DOUGLAS GRANT.

London, April 23rd.
The Anglo-American, Douglas Grant,
won the Surrey Amateur Championship,
played at Sunningdale, by defeating
R. H. Wethered in the semi-final by 6
and 4, and Major Thorburn in the final,
at the nineteenth hole.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

TENNIS IN AMERICA.

CHAMPIONSHIP WIN FOR HUNTER AND RICHARDS.

White Sulphur Springs, April 24th.
Hunter and Richards defeated Tilden
and Chapin, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3, 3-4, thus winning
the Mason-Dixie Championship.

RICHARDS DEFEATS TILDEN.

Vincent Richards defeated Tilden in a
thrilling encounter in the finals of the
Singles of the Mason-Dixie Lawn Tennis
Championship, 11-9, 6-2, 2-6, 2-6, 6-3.

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Recently it was reported that the a.s.
Clara Jesen, a Danish steamer through
getting out of her course during a heavy
fog struck a rock known as Britto
Bank, situated about 15 miles to the
south-west of Kaga Point on the coast
of French Indo-China. As a result of
this mishap, the vessel received damage
to her forward hold. She proceeded to
Saigon. On Saturday morning the Clara
Jesen arrived in Hongkong from Sai-
gon and in his report to the Harbour
Office, her master, Captain P. E. Chris-
tiansen, who has been captain in the
same company for 17 years and was about
to proceed on home leave when the
mishap occurred, states that the vessel
returned to Saigon after striking Britto
Bank, and remained there for 23 days
before sailing for Hongkong for repairs.
The vessel on arriving here went to
Stonecutters until arrangements are
made for docking her.

The Clara Jesen brought a cargo of
rice from Saigon to this port.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EMPIRE BILLIARDS.

AUSTRALIA'S SUCCESS OVER NORTHERN IRELAND.

London, April 24th.
In the Empire Billiards Tournament,
Shailer (Australia) 2,000; beat McCluney
(Northern Ireland) 1,292.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BOXING.

ERMINIO SPALLA TO MEET BASQUE CHAMPION.

Sao Paulo, April 24th.
Erminio Spalla has sailed for Barcelona
to fight the Basque champion, Pachino.

In the American League:—

New York, 3; Boston, 1.
Philadelphia, 5; Washington, 9.
St. Louis, 2; Chicago, 1.
Cleveland, 5; Detroit, 3.

(Continued on next column.)

SALE OF "PRESIDENT" LINERS.

U.S. SENATE REFUSES DOLLAR BID.

Further developments in connection
with the offer of Gold \$4,500,000 made by
R. Stanley Dollar, representing the
Dollar interests, for the five Admiral
Oriental liners ("President" liners) be-
ing operated between Seattle and the
Far East, having been probably accepted
by the United States Shipping Board,
are reported.

The Senate is announced to have un-
animously adopted a resolution calling
for the rejection of the Dollar bid by the
Shipping Board as being too low.

Continuing, the report says.—Senator
McNary, republican, Oregon, who in-
troduced the resolution said, "if Dollar
obtains the line, the Dollar interests
would have a monopoly of the shipping
in the Pacific, and that they would
operate the line to the detriment of the
North-west, as their interests are in
California."

The United Press says the Shipping
Board has delayed consummation of the
sale and is awaiting a ruling from the
Department of Justice as to whether the
Senate resolution compels the Board to
advertise once more for bids.

AMERICAN LANGUAGE.

A headline which recently appeared in
the Chicago Tribune puzzled even an
American reader, who wrote to the
American Mercury offering to give com-
plete works of Walter Pater (1) to any-
one who could tell him what it meant.
The baffling inscription ran:—

Midway Signs Limey Prof. to Dope
Yank Talk. In due course he received his
reply to the effect that the headline is
"good American enlivened by faint traces
of sporting page and nautical influence."

"Midway," his informant explained,
means University of Chicago, "signs"
means engages; "limey" means English,
being a shortened form of "lime-jockey,"
or an English seaman, so called from the
old days of sailing vessels when lime-juice
was carried as a preventive of scurvy.

"To dope" means to make a careful
study of a matter. "Yank talk" means
American English. The cryptic headline
therefore means "The University of
Chicago has enlisted the aid of an Eng-
lish scholar in order that Americans may
better understand their own language!"

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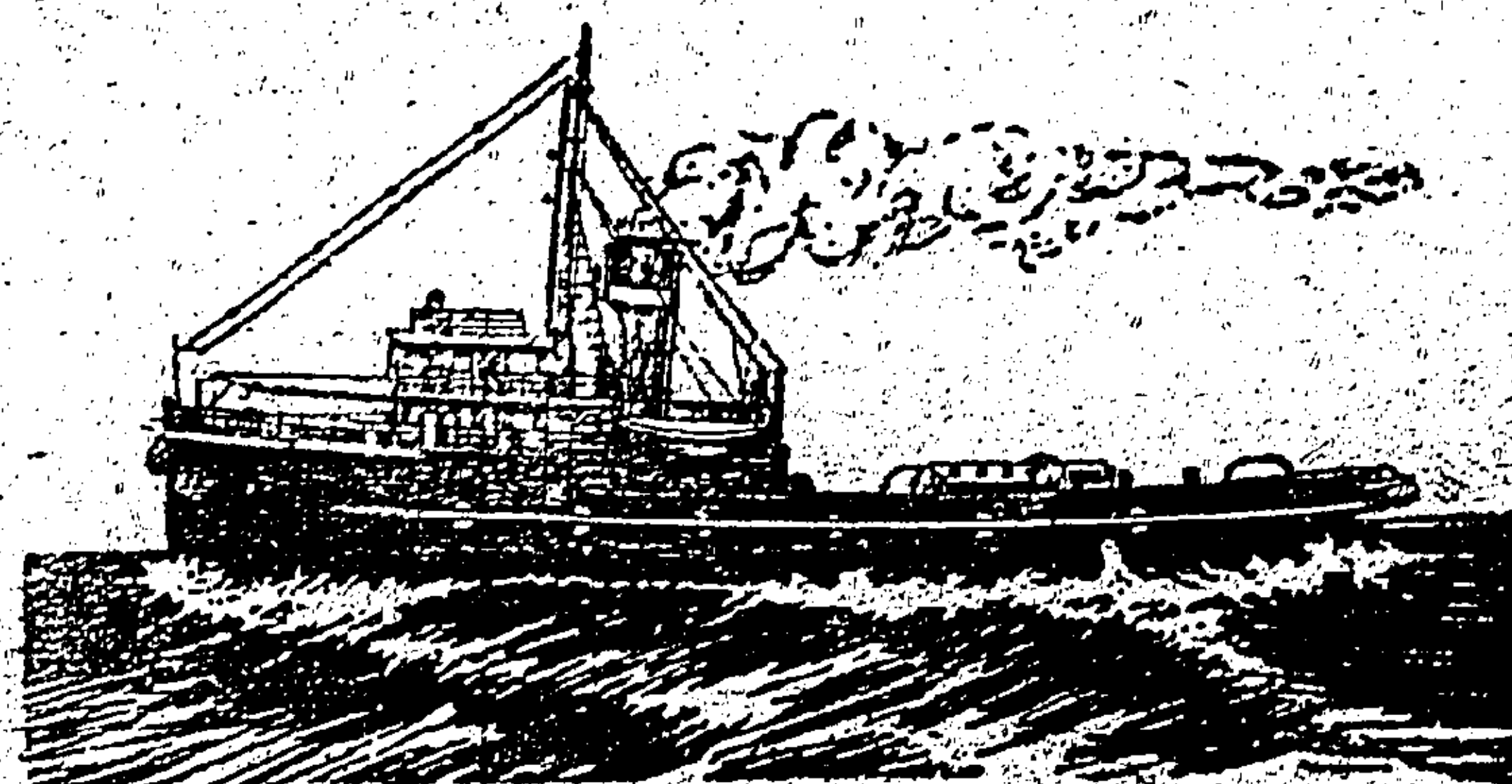
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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

April 25th.
Dendora, British str., 2,587 tons, Capt. J. P. Drummond, from Antwerp, via Straits and Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Gibbs, Livingston & Co.

Chibbi, British str., 1,443 tons, Capt. R. Kettlewell, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at Stonecutters.—B. & S.

Chung Hing, Chinese str., 249 tons, Capt. Lung Sau Kong, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 33.—Hong On S.S. Co.

Clara Jensen, Danish str., 1,141 tons, Capt. P. E. Christensen, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at Stonecutters.—Jensen & Co.

Confucius, Chinese str., 1,348 tons, Capt. A. Laitovetsky, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. 33.—Kung Chung S.S. Co.

Kowloon, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. F. A. Lovgrove, from Bangkok, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. 33.—B. & S.

Kwang Sang, British str., 1,428 tons, Capt. W. F. Richard, from Bangkok, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. 33.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Meikong, Japanese str., 1,061 tons, Capt. I. Furukawa, from Manila, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 33.—M.B.K.

Seattle, Japanese str., 3,622 tons, Capt. T. Harada, from Moji, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Sunshine, British str., 1,394 tons, Capt. Edwin Monkman, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 112.—B. & S.

Sunshine, Swedish str., 6,471 tons, Capt. S. Holberg, from Gothenburg, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Gillman & Co.

Tung Sang, British str., 1,292 tons, Capt. W. P. Baker, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Wuhu, British str., 1,229 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at Stonecutters.—B. & S.

ARRIVALS.

April 25th.
Hanchow, British str., 1,222 tons from Tientsin, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 33.—B. & S.

Oldenburg, German str., 8,338 tons, Capt. C. Lask, from Shanghai, lying at buoy No. 33.—Jensen & Co.

Tung Sang, Chinese str., 721 tons, Capt. Chan Kam, from Kwang Chow Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 33.—Ten Sing S.S. Co.

CLEARANCES.

April 26th.
Eagle, for Amoy.

Chibbi, for Ningbo.

Oldenburg, for Sandakan.

Hong Sang, for Hongkong.

Hong Sang, for Kwang Chow Wan.

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HONGKONG SHIPPING.

The week-end shipping statement showed that the number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. on Saturday was 66, of which 26 were British; while at the same hour yesterday there were also the same number of vessels in harbour, 24 being British.

The number of vessels arriving during the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday was five, viz.—three British, one Japanese and one French. The departures over the same period came to nine, six British, two Japanese and one Chinese. During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday fourteen vessels arrived, viz.—six British, one Swedish, one Spanish, two Japanese and four Chinese. The departures during this period numbered fourteen, viz.—six British, two American, one Norwegian, three Japanese, one Portuguese and one French.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.)

For Hongkong 17,765 tons.

For ports beyond 14,974 ..

Total 32,739 ..

(During previous twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday.)

For Hongkong 2,652 tons.

For ports beyond 3,191 ..

Total 5,843 ..

Saturday's entries were noticeable by reason of the fact that apart from being very low—and below the average, no freight for this port was carried in British vessels. There were only three entries of cargo for Hongkong, and the heaviest of these was one of 2,184 tons. With regard to freight for ports beyond, there were only two entries, the heaviest being 2,184 tons, and the other 1,000 tons. Of yesterday's cargo, that for Hongkong consisted of 8,117 tons of general cargo, 5,200 tons of rice and 4,418 tons of coal.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The Commissioner of Customs at Foochow has issued a notice to mariners which states that an unknown craft collided with and carried away the Oriental Rock Beacon on April 13th. A temporary pole painted red has now been erected on the rock, and the replacement of the beacon will be effected as soon as possible.

During a sudden squall about five o'clock on Saturday morning a cargo boat capsized at Stonecutters. The boat, which was laden with cargo, and was manned by a crew of five, three men and two women. There were also two children on board. All the occupants were thrown into the water, but a Prison Department launch (P.D. 1) happened to be opportunely passing at the time of the catastrophe and rescued all none the worse for their experience except for a wetting. The boat was righted and towed to Pottinger Street wharf. Part of the cargo which fell into the water, which was not very deep at this point, was salvaged.

The Red Star around-the-world liner *Belgenland*, in Hongkong not long ago, will begin her third world cruise at New York on December 14th, 1926, and will arrive in Hongkong on February 9th next year. She will follow the same route as on her recent cruise, westward around the world, via Japan, China, Indian and Egypt. There will be a little difference in dates, the departure being from New York nearly three weeks later. This alteration has been made so that the liner will arrive at the Hooghly River for Calcutta at a time when the winter tides are highest.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 25th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.74	29.62	29.87
Temperature	75	73	69
Humidity	90	97	93
Wind Direction	West	W	E
" Force	1	1	4
Weather	0	OF	OD
Rain	0.02	0.00	0.01

Highest open-air Temperature on 24th 81

Lowest open-air Temperature on 25th 69

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From April 26th to May 2nd, 1926.

HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Days of Week	Days of Month	H'kong. Standard Time.	H'kong. Standard Time.
Mon.	26	h. m. ft. in.	h. m. ft. in.
		8 27 8 8	2 28 1 7
		8 36 6 8	2 41 1 3
Tues.	27	8 48 6 0	2 56 1 8
		9 17 6 8	3 17 1 8
Wed.	28	9 14 6 4	3 25 1 4
		10 04 5 6	3 53 1 1
Thurs.	29	9 43 6 7	4 03 1 1
		10 46 5 2	4 28 1 1
Fri.	30	10 14 7 0	4 39 1 0
		11 28 6 8	5 21 1 0
Satur.	1	10 48 7 1	4 45 8 0
		11 27 7 1	6 12 1 0
Sun.	2	10 47 4 4	5 9 3 3
		11 27 7 1	7 14 1 1

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR APRIL, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.)

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
April 26th.....	5.55 a.m.	6.47 p.m.
" 27th.....	5.55 "	6.48 "
" 28th.....	5.54 "	6.48 "

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory, said:
The anti-cyclone entering the Eastern Sea, has weakened slightly. A shallow depression is central off Cochin-China.
Local forecast: N.E. winds, moderate, overcast, rain.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	April 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 1	May 17	May 20	May 22	May 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	June 11	June 14	June 16	June 18	June 27
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 24	June 27	June 30	July 2	July 11
EMPRESS OF CANADA	July 7	July 10	July 13	July 15	July 24
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 20	July 23	July 26	July 28	Aug. 6
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 9	Aug. 11	Aug. 20
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 16	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 24	Sept. 2
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Sept. 3	Sept. 6	Sept. 9	Sept. 11	Sept. 20
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 16	Sept. 19	Sept. 22	Sept. 24	Oct. 3

(E/Asia and E/Russia call at Nagasaki the day after departure from Shanghai.)

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May 6	May 8	May 9	May 11

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SHINYO MARU (omit Honolulu)	Tuesday, 24th May
SIBERIA MARU (omit Honolulu)	Tuesday, 24th May
SOUTH AMERICA via Japan, Honolulu, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
ANYO MARU	Tuesday, 20th April
BOKUYO MARU	Saturday, 24th May
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore & Ports.	
HAKUSAN MARU	Saturday, 24th April
KITAO MARU	Saturday, 24th May
HARUNA MARU	Saturday, 24th May
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 21st April
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 18th May
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.	
TSUYAMA MARU	Monday, 19th April
TOKIWA MARU	Tuesday, 11th May
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town, Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.	
KANAGAWA MARU	Wednesday, 28th April
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.	
TAMBA MARU	Friday, 16th April
MURORAN MARU	Friday, 30th April
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
MOJI MARU	Sunday, 18th April
HAKATA MARU	Friday, 30th April
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
MISHIMA MARU	Friday, 13th April
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
DELGOA MARU	Sunday, 18th April
KAMO MARU	Tuesday, 20th April
NAGANO MARU	Thursday, 22nd April
OSAKA MARU	Tuesday, 27th April

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AMAZONE	27th Mar., 1926	27th Apr., 1926	27th Apr., 1926
D'ARTAGNAN	27th Mar., 1926	27th Apr., 1926	27th Apr., 1926
ANGKOR	27th Mar., 1926	27th Apr., 1926	27th Apr., 1926
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HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Thursday, 29th April, at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Thursday, 29th April, at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAO via SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday, 5th May, at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSANG"	Thursday, 6th May, at 10 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG"	Thursday, 6th May, at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG"	Thursday, 13th May, at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Thursday, 13th May, at 8 p.m.
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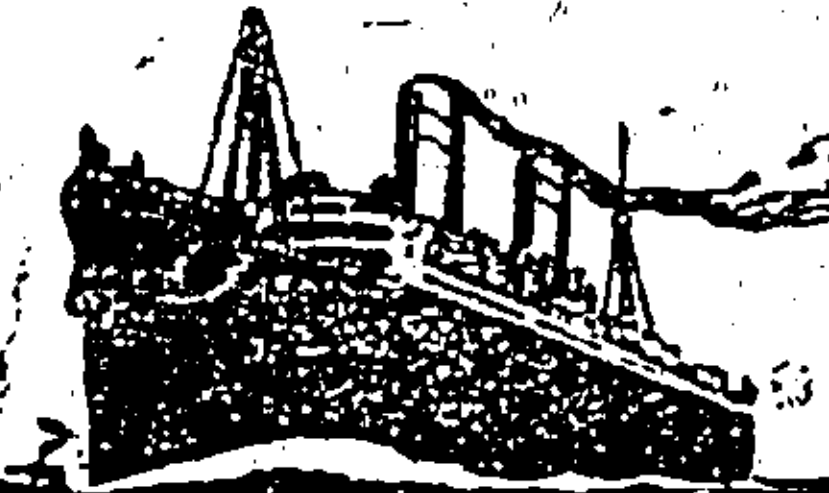
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"FRANKEN"	15th July, "	22nd August, "
"FULDA"	12th August, "	18th September, "
"CRELD"	11th September, "	18th October, "
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TJISALAK	JAVA & M'KAR	6th "	7th "	BATAVIA
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"KALYAN"	9,144	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
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"TANDA"	6,900	8th May	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,841	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MAINTUA"	10,902	20th May	do.
"PADU"	8,097	30th May	Shanghai and Kobe.
"KARMA"	9,138	11th June	do.
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"DELTA"	8,097	8th July	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	22nd July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	6th Aug.	do.
"MALWA"	10,841	18th Aug.	do.
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SHANGHAI	—	—	"SOUGHOW" ... On 28th April. 4 p.m.
BALIK PAPAN & JAVA	—	—	"TAIKOOWANYU" ... On 29th April. 10 a.m.
HILLO	—	—	"WUHU" ... On 29th April. Noon
HAIPHONG	—	—	"KASHING" ... On 29th April. Noon
AMOY & SINGAPORE	—	—	"KANTUNG" ... On 29th April. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	—	—	"SHANTUNG" ... On 29th April. 4 p.m.
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